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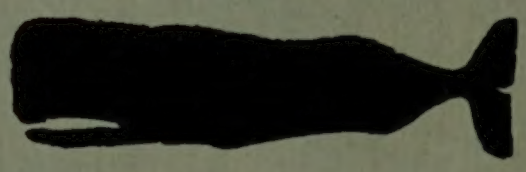

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The wings of a Flying fish that came on deck in the first watch Saturday night Oct 19th 1849

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Ship St Peter Oct 16th 1849

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Ship St Peter Ship St Peter

Capt Wm H Almy Master. A Daniel Rider. Mate

Almanac for 1850

January 31 Days

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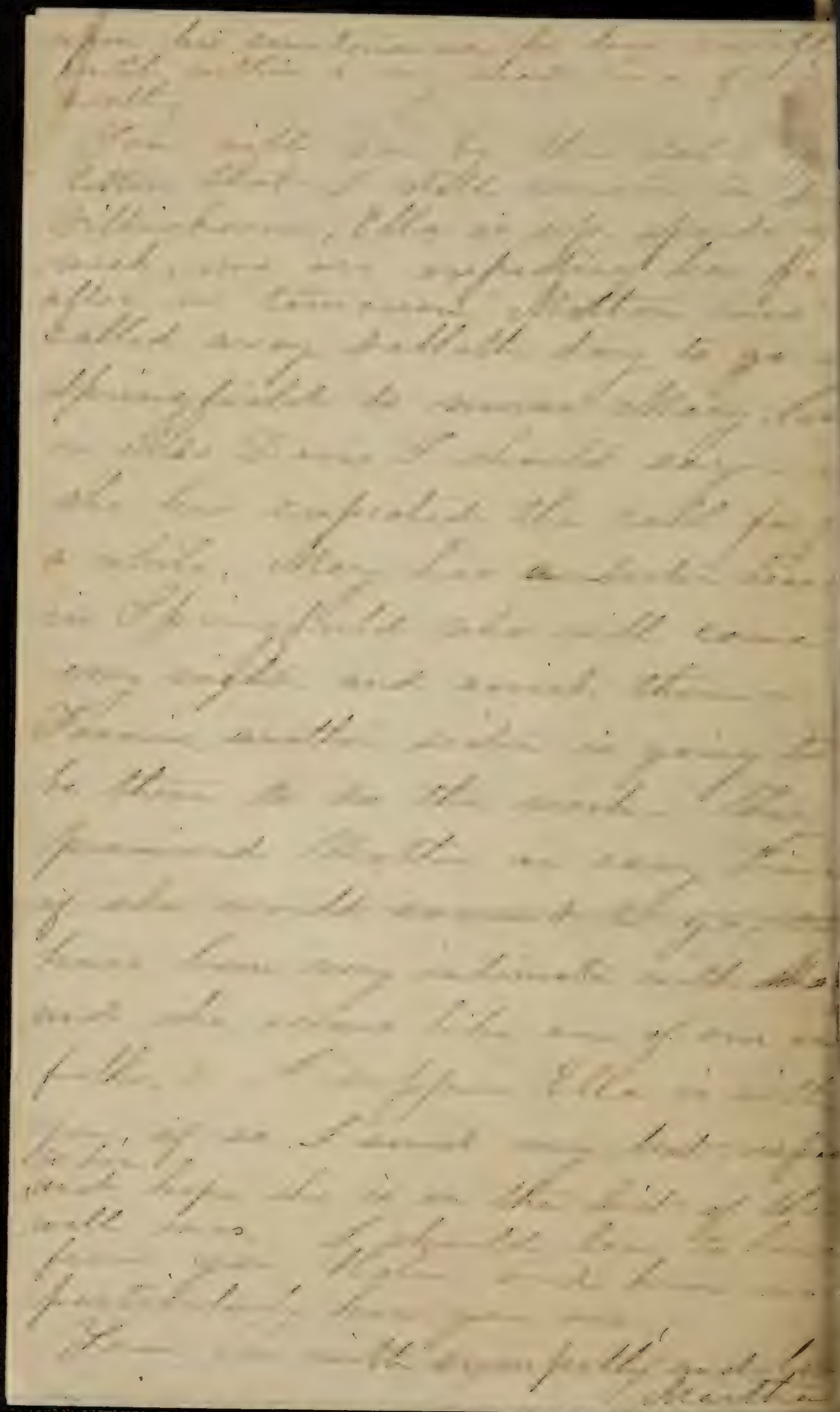
Dec 31

Ship St Peter Wednesday



At what time would the time change with a person passing around the world at an equal velocity with the sun to make the day correct without loosing time

That the change of time from one period to another would instantaneous would be incorrect Although a person in passing around the world at an equal speed with the sun would loose one day in his reckoning; yet the change of time is gradual commencing at the time he begins his journey with the sun. Supposing a man should begin Monday noon to go around the world. If he goes as fast as the sun it is noon with him during the 24 hours he is going round; and although he has passed 24 hours in time and distance yet it is still Monday noon to him and he cannot possibly make it otherwise notwithstanding he has actually passed over 24 hours of time

To Explain. Divide any circle into 24 equal parts. Call the circle the Earth or the sun track whichever you please. Call the 24

Wednesday Oct 16th 1849

Left New Bedford. So wind beat out Pilot left off.

Thursday Oct 18

Out sight of land Wind NE. good day.

We left New Bedford on 11th

We left New Bedford on Wednesday Oct 17th 1849 in the Ship St Peter Bound on a Whaling voyge to the Indian Ocean. Our crew consisted 25 men all told. We beat out of the Bay with a South wind our pilot left us off Nantucket about 4 Oclock, The men were then called aft on the quarter deck and divided into watches myself being in the 2nd mates or Starboard watch the watches were on duty for 4 hours each during the night they being set at 7 Oclock and staying till 11 the starboard take it at 11 and is on duty till 3 then the larboard till 7 when the starboard takes it till 12 and then the other till 5 there being a dog watch from that time till 7 of 1 hour each The Starboard watch being on duty 8 hours every other night. On Thursday the 18th the wind hauled into the NE. and blew pretty fresh we steering a SE course running fair before it a bowline. Towards night the crew were called aft and divided into boats crews I being in the 3d mates or Captains starboard Boat On Friday 19th the wind continued to blow fresh from the NE. and we being in the Gulf Stream it was quite rough at night took a double reef in the main and fore top sail and took in the main top gallant and spanker and prepared for a dirty night it raining quite hard

Saturday Oct 20th the wind increased through the night sent a man aloft to look out for whale the wind still increasing he soon came down at 10 it blew almost a gale at 2 the it left off and at night it only blew a fresh breeze, caught a flying fish and on deck in the first watch,

Sunday Oct 21th wind NE. In the morning shook reefs out of main & fore top sails let go main top gallant & spanker Sent a man again to the look out to look for whale. Afternoon continued pleasant saw a ships two points forward of our lee beam (wind hauled east)

Monday Oct 22nd wind South, Course S, Morning a pleasant wind and clear sky. Afternoon blew fresh coming on cloudy, The wind rising.

Tuesday 23rd wind S course east. Morning wind light carried away our spanker in the night. My first

October

time at the top mast cross Trees to look for White sand
a large ~~ship~~ Island under the Bows caught in other part
afternoon saw a ships to Leward Evening carried
away fib ~~sail~~ & fore top gallant stay Wednesday 24th
Wind S course east Forenoon cloudy with a fresh wind
afternoon wind continued fresh Thursday 25th
took in our main mizzen fore top gallant
Wind SW course SE by E Morning wind high with a
rough sea afternoon about 3 a heavy squall from
westward took in all sail but close reefed main t.s

Friday 26

Sat 27	NEast	SE East	A heavy squall during the night	Fair saw a ships to Leward	Sails carried away mizzen top sail and stays on fore sail
Sun 28	NE	do	wind fresh clear sky	Wind continued to increase rain	Main top mast do do top do do do top gallant furled got down top sail and comenced mending
29	October		Pleasant wind fell	a dead sea on ship rolling very bad	finished mending tops and bent
Tues 30	SoWest	East	do	Clouds Wind freshens	
Wed 31	East	NorEast	Pleasant all hands	Pleasant do	

The deep deep oceans roar sounds without ceasing
And the old ships rock keeps time to its dull mus
Thurs East NorEast clear & pleasant clear & pleasant
Nov 1 Ohow sublime the ocean. It seems that God must have
made it on purpose to have its continual deep dull
dull rolling music sounding his Praise: Ohow great are
thy works O God
Fri 2 EbyNorth SE by South cloudy cloudy
Far from home and all its pleasures o'er the ocean bed we
Seeing in it Gods own wonders. And his riding in the storm
16 days and no land seen yet nothing but the
blue sky above and the ceaseless roll of the ocean below

Day | Wind | Course | Remarks | Atlantic

Sat 3d November | E by N | S E ½ S | South. Pleasant | cloudy but pleasant

in the morning saw a ship and a brig to leward about 4 miles
how pleasant it is to see a sail on the deep blue sea
Their snowy canvas as it is flung to the breeze tells of
of purity above. But how often do we find a good outside cover
a degraded heart the snowy canvas of beauty covers a heart of pollu-

Sun 4 | E by N ½ N | S by E | pleasant | the wind was fresh and steady

About ½ past 7 saw a whale to leward and the cry
of there she blows soon brought all hands on
deck the officers were all in the rigging but it proved to be
nothing but a fin back and we turned in with our fingers in our mouths

Mon 5 | S East | E by N | pleasant | Pleasant

About ½ past 9 (3 bells) The cry of there she blows aroused every one
The whale about 3 mls to windward all was in a hurry the
boats were soon got ready and about ½ a spern of us
Lay to unrove tackles and jibs. Got aboard 3 o'clock

Tues 6 | Lay to | calm | Pleasant

Cut in whale. All hands were called at 5 and we comenced to
cutting in it whale was cut in the head, and a hook inserted
and hove at the windlass about 7 evening finished cutting in
and ½ mooring at the windlass a tail piece was raised called a blanket piece

Wed 7 | Lay to | calm | Pleasant

Got the head on deck and tailed out the case which
contained abo 13 bbls about 9 lighted the fires and
comenced trying out the blubber being cut with spades

Thurs 8 | Lay to | calm | Squally with light showers

Continued trying out but making water so much for
it is now 11 oclock Pleasant Pleasant

Fri 9 | Lay to | | |

Continued trying out
Our Ensign and private signalls She did the same

Sat 10 | Lay to | Pleasant | Pleasant

Finished trying out at 7 evening made sail on the
ship steering S.E. by E wind N.E. by E running for Cape
de Verde Islands

Sun 11 | N.E. by E | S.E. by E | Cloudy | Rainy

In the afternoon rained hard with a fresh wind from
the Northwest

[illegible] Sutherland carpenter taken sick to day

Wind Course Forenoon Afternoon

South East rainy Do

Commenced raining in the morning hard and rained hard during the day with a high wind the wind increasing at night lay To under close reefed topsls

The wind continued high during the night from south but fell in the morning leaving a dead sea the ship rolling badly Boats crews watches during the night the wind continued to fall during the day

North NE by E Pleasant Pleasant to day broke out the fore hold got out Beef for Ship Bartholomew

North E. E Pleasant Do

How true it is that there is always a calm after a storm the storm of Tuesday has fell into a dead calm and not a ripple is on surface of the deep blue sea

North East continued calm during during the day Broke out lower hold to stow away the oil.

West S S E The wind freshened during night to a pleasant breeze Stowed away Oil of which there was 9 Bbls and 20 gallons a good deal more than we expected

S by West S East Pleasant Do

How superstitious is the sailor one of the crew brought a cat aboard and she pined away and almost died one day she was on deck and the first mate ordered her to be thrown overboard presently it came on to blow fresh they all roundly swore that it caused the blow

Pleasant all day Finished stowing away oil and about 3 O'clock lowered away boats for practice pulled about 6 mls and learned all the maneuvers such as peak, hold, ease water, stern, and the boatsteerers practiced throwing harpoon & lance

Pleasant almost a calm Saw a Ship early in the morning passed about 2 m^s the afternoon to windward Put on their poles and set up rigging Saw black fish 2 mls distant

It continued calm not a breath of air fills our willing sails but the sea with its ever rolling motion rocks our gallant bark with an easy and graceful motion which cradles our slumbers and makes them sweet

Saw a ship from Hobart

The calm of wednesday is broken by a fresh wind springing up during the night from the East steering S by E supposed to be Thanksgiving day in the States My Birthday

saw
At night saw a ship coming from East with studding sails set along & kept the Look out like a large bird coming after its prey

at 1 o'clock while there was a [illegible] giving to [illegible] for many [illegible] It continued to blow fresh during the day. At night took in Fore Main & Mizzen Top Gallant Sails

Frid 23 The wind continued fresh from Eastward steering S by W saw a ship in the morning supposed to be from the Indies bound for the States was quite unwell during the day Had a large bile coming for several days on my arm At night capn says Langdon you look sick and your arm is badly swelled dont you come on deck to night so I turned in for the night

Sat 24 The wind hauled a little to the North course S.E. It still blew fresh Was not able to be on deck my arm was was swelled so bad I could not stir my hand So day got our Molasses in small kegs one quarts apiece At night did not feel so well

Sun 25 It continued to blow fresh from the same quarter To day my Bile broke and run a great deal Felt better to day Saw a barky to day full before the wind crossed our bows about ½ past 2 Pleasant Saw a whale off the Weather bow called the jumper which makes 4 different kinds I know viz Right Sperm Fin Back & Pumper

Mon 26 Nothing of note occurred to day The weather was pleasant wind & course same as yesterday Began a letter for home Latitude 17 N 36, north

November

Tues 27 The wind fell to a pleasant breeze from the same quarter as before My Father died to day Was so as to be able to go on duty To day saw a large number of Skipjack chasing Flying fish on which they live Look very much like Mackerel

Wed 28 Pleasant About noon altered our course to South in Latitude 17 N 57 North expecting to see Cape de Verde Islands

Thur 29 Sighted Cape de Verde Islands about 7 o'clock in morning steering South by west saw Isle of Sall and Bona Vista we run within 12 miles of isle of Sall it is a barren rocky Island almost desitute of vegetation Altered our course to south west passed it about 5 o'clock in the afternoon Pleasant wind North East

Frid 30 Saw Isle of May early in the morning it is a high sandy Island and appears to have been once volcanic it looks like a large pile of dust sand it is thinly settled except a large town on the southwest end & few Cocoa trees and a small undergrowth constitute the only vegetation saw Isle of St jago which is the largest of the group about 6 o'clock made the land & hove to Sat December 1st 1849 Made Isle of St jago after laying off and on during the night Lowered away the starboard boat about 8 in the morning for the purpose of trading with the natives who are a mixture of Negro & Portugese and the blackest people I ever saw They are under the Portuguese government and the laws are rigidly enforced by large numbers of Military who are as lazy a set as ever

Friday 1st December 1849 Cape de Verdes

Isle of Fogo

Isld the face of the earth The Island is high and mountainous in
it in some places steeply from the Sea and in others high steep
banks rise to the height of 100 feet on which the surf beats to the height
from 6 to 8 feet and from there a plain runs back from 2 to 3 miles back
to the mountains which rise from 1000 to 1500 feet high The natives are a low
civilized race going almost naked and many of them naked as they came
into the world The City of St Jago is situated on a small bay which runs
into the Island about 100 feet above the Tide It is regularly laid out and like all
other cities like it presents a picturesque appearance The houses of the rich &
poor stand side by side the lofty mansion by the poor hovel The buildings
are mostly of the better quality Their religion is Roman Catholic Their Church
is built in gothic style as is most of the other buildings and is rather
poor looking outside but inside is gorgeously decorated There is a large [illegible]
standing in front of the Town covering about 3 acres and plenty of Black
soldiers loitering around While we were there a Wedding ceremony was per-
The party first went to the church the Bridegroom and bride taking the
lead where the ceremony was performed amid the shouts and chanting of
the crowd that followed. After the ceremony was performed they all
returned to the house singing & clapping their hands where they par-
of a great feast The Custom House stands on the beach alongside of the g-
house where soldiers are constantly kept to keep people from smuggling
Tobacco but after all myself and the boats crew smuggled about 10 pounds
for oranges Cocoa nuts Bananas which we got very cheap 6 for 1 penny
We took ashore a barrel of oil and some bread for which we got a boat
load of Oranges, and other fruit, 6 hogs, 5 Turkeys, 6 hens, 1 goat, 1 kid.
Set sail about 7 o'clock steering S by west wind fair fresh breez
Sunday Dec 2d blew fresh from the east steering S by west divide oranges
Monday 3d do Jorktown Salem Phila Hance Saw a whale
Tuesday 4 Pleasant do Rigged out flying fish Boobies
Wednesday 5th Pleasant very Wind S & S W Course South by West
Thursday 6th Almost a calm. Raised Black Fish at 10 in the forenoon
lowered away and pulled while before we came on them and just as we came
on them down they went and came up about 2 miles to windward and then
for another pull. They continued to do so for 4 or 5 hours when we left
them not returned to the Ship bearing N E miles to leward. Saw a school
of Porpoises Albacore and several other kind of fish to the amount of
Friday 7 Almost a calm. Very hard showers during the night
Saturday 8th It rained hard during the night with sharp
Thunder and Lightning. Sees the first Thunder storm I have seen
at sea. The sharpness of the Lightning and the deep rolling of the

8th

Thunder as it traveled along the sky was truly terrific Still there was
all the time a head wind not a breath of air stirred the face of the
mighty deep. It rained till 11 Oclock when a breeze sprung up from the
East Staring the South East trade wind
South by West. To day struck 2 Albacore from the bows of the ship
Sunday 9 Commenced raining early in the morning The wind fell to a calm
it rained till 10 Oclock when it cleared off and remained pleasant during the day
The wind hauled to East So East course So west by west Blowed quite fresh
Monday 10th Continued to blow fresh from the same quarter Nothing of note occurred
Tuesday 11th do Got up main top gallant rigging rattlined royal
Wednesday 12th do Struck a cow fish at 4 bells, Painted our Boat
commenced to blow fresh from south east at noon. At 4 took in Fore & Miz
top gallant & flying jib. At 8 took in Main & Kept company with 2
ships during the day. Crossed the line at 10 in the evening
Thursday 13 Wind fell a little Loosed sail at 4 bells Left our neighbors
astern For the first time we are in the south Atlantic but the Ocean
is the same its rolling waves still rocks us It is quite cool fresh breeze blowing
Friday 14 Wind fell to a pleasant breeze Sail no astern gain on us
Saturday 15 Pleasant Sail still gains on us Square rigged ship
At 5 she is hull down and we are left alone on the dark blue sea
Sunday 16th It continued pleasant wind and course as usual
"The first sabbath in the South Atlantic The sun is directly over head
and it is warm although the heat is not so oppressive as
I expected There a fresh breeze blowing which makes it cool and pleasant The heat is about the same as the middle of July in the states
If there was not a breeze blowing the heat would be exceedingly oppressive
Monday 17 The wind hauled to the East Course South pleasant
day with a fresh breeze To day we are 2 months out and during the
time we have passed over 50 degrees of Latitude & 40 degrees of Longitude
Have caught me Whale one Albacore 1 Cow Fish have seen 5 different
of Whale viz Sperm Fin Back Jumper Killer & Silver Belly Have lowered
Boats 3 times once for Whale once for practice & once for Black Fish
Have had but one hard blow and a few squalls The most sail we have
carried away is Fore top gallant & top jackstay Miz & top sail and top &
spanker in the slings The closest sail we have been under is close reefed Main
The only land we have seen is Cape de Verdes which we made in 4 days
and bought a Portuguese Sailor at that price. I have for curiosities during
the time the wings of a Flying Fish the teeth of a whale the Tail
of a cow fish 2 Cocoa nut shells from the island of St Jago &c &c
Tuesday 18th Wind East course South Pleasant day Set up. Must think
for chafing gear Open Iron which the Larboard watch are rattling so a body can't

Wednesday December 19th 1849 Lat 19m 46 Lon 28m 3.
Pleasant with fresh wind from the East Course South by west
Made Spun Yarn. and Rimet Rattined down the Main Shrouds

Thursday Rec'd 6th Mo 1849 Lat 20m 31 Lon 28m 38

A fair wind from the East Course So by West Flying Fish
of Smiled at my light leaving Martin bas to West distant 12 miles
Martin bas distant 8 miles. Steering So by West. Made Fish Lines and spun
yarn till 9 o'clock when Martin bas bore of. Martin bas steered away West with
Boats for fishing. Boat returned at 3 Resumed our course Steering S E by S
(Captain showed me how to take the sun per Sadore.

Friday 21st

Wind hauled to E & S E Course S S E. Shere overhaul my reconing and
keep regular sea days. That is from noon till noon saturday begins
at Friday noon and reaning one day back calling Saturday 21st p m

Saturday 22nd

These 24 hours have been variable First part pleasant with light winds
2nd part squally with light showers 3rd the same & overhauled main buntlines
Broke out water Wind variable from E to S E Course do from S to S E by S

Sunday 23d

These 24 hours the wind has been steady and fresh from E & S E steering
S S E Made both fore and main Course. Washed clothes

Monday 23

The first part pleasant wind from E by S steering S S E 2 p m to
the sun 3 do the wind fell at sunrise to a calm Made nothing for 24 hours

Tuesday 24

It has been almost a calm during the day at 7 p m the
Wind shifted to north Course as yesterday. Took down fore
top sail and fastened Reef points. Set up fib Boom rigging
To day is Christmas and how many will be enjoying
themselves at home and we far away on the stormy Ocean
Christmas Eve went in bathing The first time I ever went swimming

Lat 28m 19 Lon 31 27 Wednesday 25

The first part calm not a breath of air ruffled the face of the
stormy deep. But with an ever rolling motion rocks our old Ship
like a vast cradle and the surface of the deep is like a vast mirror
reflecting objects on its surface The first part ends Christmas and how
many melancholy reflections come around unbidden and unasked to
one year ago I was at home enjoying every pleasure that heart could
wish friends to chat and schoolmates to greet with a merry
Christmas but now I am far away on the stormy ocean. Many thousand
miles intervine between this and my once happy Home

and there is nothing to cheer the heart or to please the Eye and as it began
supper till 8 my usual
with a dance so it must end with one and the first part of the night is
taken up with pleasure & dancing at 8 bells all hands turned to and went in
SE by S
bathing The 2nd part of the day a breze sprung up from East nor East steering
3rd do broke out fish ~~and~~ beef and pork from after hatch coopered Bread &c.

Thursday 26

These 24 hours have been pleasant with a good wind NE by E Course SE
saw a school of sperm Whale close by the ship at ½ past 6 P.M lowered
saw spout from deck
away and chased till dark and got nothing At 4 ot. 16 sent a man up this
Chased

Friday 27 Lat 32 n 12

Cloudy with some rain with wind North Course SE saw whale breach at no. 1

Saturday 28

The first part of the day pleasant with light winds from the N Cs SE
2nd do the same till 10 o'clock when it commenced to rain hard Rained till 3
At 6 A.M wind shifted to S.W Course S.E Continued cloudy fresh Winds
Carried Reap sea days sent up all Saturday afternoon 29th
the wind lulled and at 11 at night it was a dead calm no steerage

Sunday 30

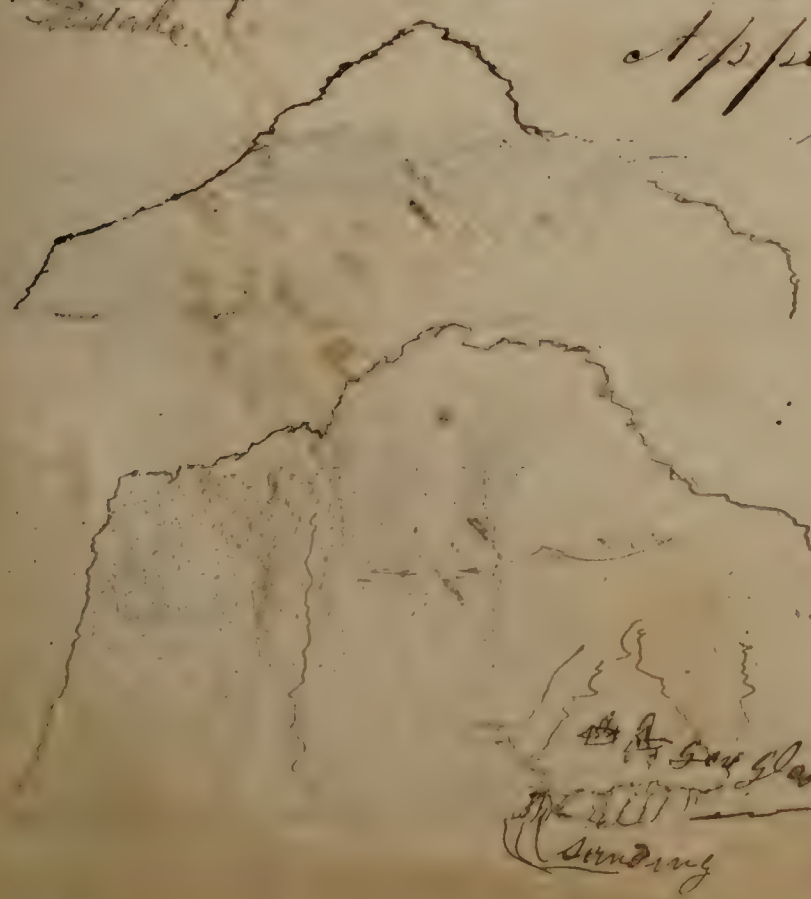
At 1 A.M the wind hauled S E by E with a light breze steering
S.E. forenoon cloudy. In the Afternoon the wind hauled to by E
course S E Continued cloudy during the day Saw Whales breach

Monday 31st 1849

To day course & wind as yesterday continue cloudy At 1 P.M
the wind changed to N W Course N by E ½ E & continued cloudy
At 10 in the Evening it commenced raining hard wind fresh
To day is the last of another year spent in folly & no good done
to myself any body else but I am determined not to spend another like
it Saw a sea Hen & a Blue Jay and right whale Birds to Day
Albrus Albatros have been around the Ship several days

Tristan

Appearance of Tristan D Acuhna at
the distance of 20 Leagues at sunset



Appearance of Tristan D Acuhna

Tristan D'Acuhna as seen from the S E
close in to land

January First Eighteen Hundred Fifty

This commence a new year and I hope it will be spent better than ~~the~~ the one that is past and gone
The year begun with rain. It rained hard from 12 till 8 We had
fresh from N West steering S by E & at 8 Wind handed to S
S by E steering as before at 8 stopped raining the forenoon pleasant with
light wind from S by W Weather rather hazy Latitude 35° 35' South
Afternoon the same Within 5 Miles of Tristan d'Acunha

Wednesday 2nd

The first part of the day the wind was light from the West
Sighted Tristan d'Acunha Peaceable Nightingale and Toughs
Islands at daylight I wind freshened at 6 steering S. S E for S E
end of the Island Tristan d'Acunha. Anchored Lowered away Starboard Boat &
went ashore The Island rises abruptly from the sea except in
one place to the height of 3360 feet and is inaccessible except at the
residence of Gov Glass which is a good landing place There are 110
Inhabitants on the Island Gov Glass has 4 sons and 3 Daughters
living The old man and 2 of his sons and by others that belong to the
Island came aboard and brought 30 bushels of Potatoes aboard at 6
P.M. set sail steering E by S wind [illegible] weather pleasant Lat 37° 3' S Lon 11° 48'

Thursday 3d 1850

Light winds from west. At 11 A.M. wind hauled to north steering E by S
ship Louisa of Fairhaven right ahead So the afternoon the wind
died away to almost a calm Saw and caught an albatross this morn

Friday 4th 1850

The wind freshened at 2 in the Morning blowing from N by East course
E by S Forenoon pleasant Broke out water from main Hatches &c
In the afternoon the wind freshened to a pleasant gale steering E by S 1/2 S

Saturday 5th

At 4 A.M. the wind shifted to S.W. steering E by S continued fresh
In the afternoon the wind fell a little come on cloudy and cool

Sunday 6th

In the morning wind hauled 2 points to north course E by S 1/2 S wind fell ship rolling

Monday 7th

Wind N by E course E by E pleasant Struck 2 porpoises at 8 bells in the morning
Struck another porpoise at 6 bells Etc

Tuesday 8th

The first part of the day cloudy Wind N.W. Course E S E at 1 in
the morning the wind hauled west blowing fresh struck Porpoise
At 10 it suddenly hauled S.W. and blew hard. Broke out after
hold and got out Rice Beans & Sugar Struck another Porpoise

Wednesday January 9th 1850

Wind blew fresh from the S.W. course E.S.E. by E. In the afternoon the wind hauled west and continued blowing fresh. Cloudy with some rain

Thursday 10th

Wind N.W. course S.E. by E. The wind fell to almost a calm at noon.

Friday 11th

Wind N.W. course S.E. by E. Commenced blowing fresh in the morning weather looked bad. In the afternoon commenced raining heard saw 2 Right Whales in the morning and one in the afternoon, did not lower.

Saturday 12th 1850

It continued blowing hard from S.W. steering S.E. by E. till 4 o'clock P.M. when it went down and at 11 at night it was a perfect calm took in fore and mizzen top gallant sail Ship rolling heavy

Sunday 13th 1850

It continued calm till noon when a breeze sprung up from the eastward steering full and by. S. by E. In the afternoon it came on cloudy

Monday Jan 14 1850

The first part of the day calm at 6 in the morning a breeze sprung up from N.E. steering S.E. by E. Light wind by spells during the forenoon. In the afternoon pleasant with light winds sailed 2 points off the wind Veered Starboard

Tuesday 15th

1st part of the day light winds S.W. by W. steering S.E. by E. 2nd part wind continued to die away Hull of ship seen from deck. At 7 P.M. a breeze from W.N.W. A pleasant day Lat 38.3. S

Wednesday 16th

Wind changed to west N.W. course S.E. by S. saw 4 Black fish At 5 P.M. raised a Right Whale and got him capsized 1st time out took in fore and mizzen top gallant sail

D. took Right whale Thursday 17th

Cut in Whale. In the forenoon light wind from at N. In the afternoon calm afternoon calm Finished cutting in at 1 o'clock Commenced trying out at 4 P.M.

Right

Friday 18th

In the forenoon calm In the afternoon commenced blowing fresh from the West at 7 it continued to rise continued trying out oil

Saturday 19th

It blew almost a gale from the West all day finished trying out at 7 P.M.

Sunday 20th

Wind fell ship pitching and rolling badly Made sail on her in the morning steering S.E. by E. since Saturday morning it blew almost a gale. and trying out has been tedious This Whale capsized 1st mates boat and the crew lay on her 4 hours The keel was broke and out of her thwarts Tides headed in a boat after his was capsized J Shaw H Sutherland B

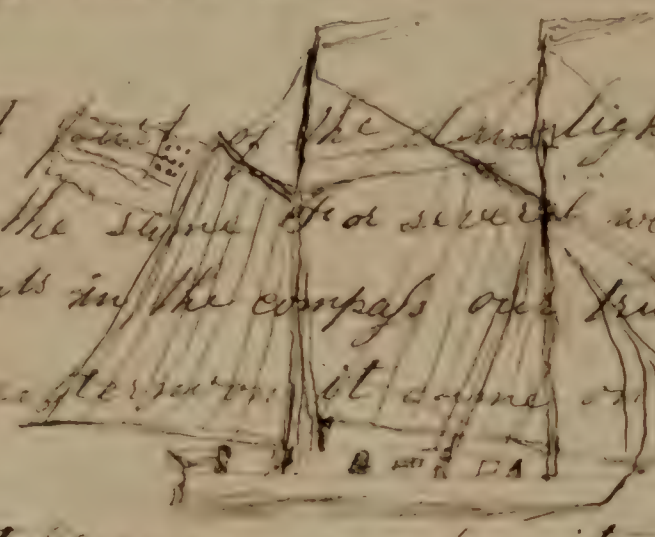
January Monday 21

Wind at course E by S standing under double reefs fore and aft stowed down oil p which there was 115 bbls at 12 M. Shook reefs out of main tops'l set Main sail

NOTE Tuesday 22nd

In the morning wind north set all sail steering N E by E The Cooper first mate and Captain had a great jaw about stowing away bad casks In the afternoon the wind died away to a calm at 8 hauled off & coal

Wednesday 23d 1850



The first part of the day light breezes from the N steering S E by E 2nd do the same for several hours there has been a variation of from 2 to 4 points in the compass our true course is E by S and E by S nearly In the afternoon it came on cloudy with a fresh

Thursday 24th

Calm till ½ past 11 when it suddenly shifted to S. W. and commenced blowing fresh steering E by S E Cleaned Whale. Rained hard in forenoon In the Afternoon it rained till 2 o'clock then cleared up pleasant wind all points of compass during the day

Friday 25th

It began to rain early in the morning wind variable steering E by S E and was squally all day wind from beam to beam larboard and starboard

Saturday 26th

Squally all day. A squall struck us at 3 in the morning another at 9 in the forenoon and noon at one and at 4 The Evening pleasant wind S W. course E by S This afternoon the mate gave away a pr of pants I do claim one jacket 1 Shirt ~~[illegible]~~ shirt to the cook because I did not wash them before 4 o'clock ~~[illegible]~~ time may be turn flukes before the voyage

Sunday 27

Pleasant with a fresh wind from the S W. Steering E N E full before the wind. in the afternoon wind fell to a calm and continued so during the day

Monday 28th

Calm during the forenoon wind

A fresh wind sprung up from the N E steering E by S Myself and Charles Farley got a jawing

Afternoon calm wind hauled a little to westward

Wednesday 30

Wind hauled S W course N E nothing occurred more In the afternoon it blew fresh from S S W and overcast

January Thursday 30th

The first part of the day cloudy with wind fresh from the South
2nd the same saw black fish early Carpenter and 2nd mate tried a fast this
In the afternoon the wind lulled a little at night raised again

Friday Feb 1st 1850

off Port Dalhousie
blew fresh all day from the course N by E saw a large ship to windd
Saw the ships Martha Capt Mearns of Port Hawen to Leward Bore down for her spoke
her and her Master and 2nd mate came aboard our 1st mate went aboard
of her stay'd aboard from 3 till dark when we returned wind blowing fresh
a man got overboard Capt Mearns getting out of the boat Martha out 20 mos got him
dark as Egypt fired great guns

Saturday 2nd

Wind blew fresh as yesterday laying to and cruising for whale at night
took in Boat sail and Crew 3, 1 Crews watches Cruising off port Dalhousie

Sunday 3d

Wind fell a little it blowing from E course S E standing short

Monday 4th

Wet and raing all day Wind fresh from E by S standing off & on by E

Tuesday 5th

Pleasant in the forenoon at noon a heavy shower of rain with
heavy thunder and sharp lightning when the lightning as it
struck the water it sifted like red hot iron making the same
awfully terrific the wind blowing a gentle breze from E course by S

Wednesday 6th

It rained hard all day a small breze from the east course S E

Thursday 7th

It rained hard till noon when it cleared up a little comenced raining
again at 3 it rained so hard part of the time we could hardly see the
end of the flying jib boom wind E by S course S E by S with hard blow at times

Friday 8th

so hard
Very raing all day the rain fell in torrents never saw it rain

Saturday 9th

Pleasant in the forenoon Set all said come on to rain in the afternoon
took in all sail but courses and topsails Jacked ship and stood off
wind E by E

Sunday 10th

The first part of the day very raing I think I never saw it rain so
hard we could hardly see the end of the bowsprit it sloped
raining at 9 and the forenoon was pleasant In the afternoon it was
little squally with light winds from the East steering close
by the wind E so East it cleared up in the Evening and was pleasant
for the week past have not had hardly a dry suit to put on owing
to it for the past week it has rained nearly every

Ship St Peter Monday February 11th 1856

In the morning it looked squally the wind fresh from S.E by E. Steering her course S by West at 11 altered her course S.W½ by West at 1 cleared up during the forenoon and continued pleasant all day

Tuesday 12th

There was an Eclipse of the sun this morning with about half of its surface covered The day is very pleasant with a fresh breeze from the S.E. At 12 the Eclipse was over The latest Lat we had was 42 Cast down old Fore sail and bent a new one

Wednesday 13th

A pleasant day with the wind S.S.E at 8 the forenoon equal look by West at noon tacked ship and stood E by S Saw the ships Martha and Leondinas in the morning Signalled the Fleet down Main Top sail and manned Fore upon Fore

Thursday 14th

Pleasant weather during the day with a fresh breeze from the S.E. standing S.E by E on the larboard tack At noon tacked ship and stood N.N.E In the evening came on cloudy with very sharp lightning to leeward

Friday 15th

In the morning clouds and looked like rain wind S.S.E course N.E. At 10 tacked At 12 sighted Madagascar bearing N.W by W. At noon tacked ship and stood E.S.E Afternoon clear & pleasant In the evening with heavy nights of clouds to leeward

Saturday 16th

The first part of the day very rainy with fresh winds In the forenoon calm and pleasant In the afternoon it came on cloudy again but calm Struck out lead and got 45 After we got through breaking out the old man says come wash your hands and bring your fiddle aft I have not heard a tune for some time So I washed and went down in the Cabin and had been there about an hour when the mate come down and says Black fish sir ½ a mile off Now for it says he we must try by fiddles and jumped on deck with me close to his heels Down Boats says he and down they went by the run and pulled 5 or 6 miles and got nothing The sea calm and smooth as a mirror After they went down we pulled for the ship hoisted our boats and got supper At sundown when we in with took a pleasing incident occurred In reefing the main topsail the men on the lee yard arm were careless and did not knot 2 or 3 points and when they came down the 2nd mate asked who left those reef points loose Well one laid it on the other and t'other laid on the other and they had a few words so they were both sent up to fix them While on the yard they had a regular jaw so when they came down the old man sent them both to sit on the main top gallant cross trees till 8 o'clock for their comfort when they

Ship St Peter Sunday February 17th 1850 4 mos 1

The day is very calm but cloudy No steerage way Land in sight
In the evening it blew a fresh breeze from E.N.E steering S.E. looks like

Monday 18th

In the morning calm & cloudy with some rain At 8 a fresh wind fr
E.N.E it suddenly hauled E.S.E steering E by S In the afternoon the wind
fell again Weather still cloudy. Lost sight of Madagascar to day

Tuesday 19th

The day is cloudy but no rain a pleasant breeze blowing from
E.S.E Steering S by west and So S. west Lat 24.12 Afternoon cleaned Craft

Wednesday 20th

In the morning and during the forenoon it rained hard with a
fresh wind About 3 miles to leeward it is as pleasant as ever days shore
During the afternoon it cleared up an the evening was very beautiful

Thursday 21st

very fine with light winds Saw a Ship to leward in the morning
at 12 tacked and stood for her At 3 came up with her she was
the Exchequer Captain Washington of N.B. Bedford 30 mos 560 Sp
Went aboard of her with Mr. Rider had an excellent time Returned
to the ship at nine in the evening a fresh breeze blowing with very
bright moonlight which made it very pleasant being on the watch

Friday 22nd

Light winds in the forenoon Weather rather hazy got potatoes
from after hatch and picked over No. course S.W. by W. wind S.E.

Saturday 23.

In the forenoon almost a calm Afternoon light wind from
the Eastward steering So Weather very hot and sultry
In the Evening the wind was quite fresh with a smooth Sea

Sunday 24th

Wind fresh from the eastward steering So The forenoon very pleasant
We are now cruising off the coast of Madagascar between Lat 22 & 23
In the afternoon the wind fell to a light breeze Saw ships to the

Monday 25th

Saw the Ship Canton Tahet master of N.B. Bedford about 7 miles
to leeward standing on the same tack, Spoke Canton Stood along with her
for some time when we run down and spoke her. she is out 29 mos 1500 Wh. 700 Sp
Capt Tabet came aboard of us Mr Rider went down the Canton. Spent
till midnight. Evening was the nicest of the day aboard of the St Peter
It was very beautiful the full moon shone in all its splendor
and the men seemed to forget all their hardships in the merry dance

[illegible]

The day is beautiful with light winds from S to East standing NE & N East
Spoke ship at noon but does not [illegible] Take out after hatch for Beef
[illegible] the afternoon the Boat pushed a little way the [illegible]

Wednesday Feb 27th

The day commenced with light winds from S to East Packet ahead steering NE
In the morning saw the Martha Reed ahead standing for us till she came
4 miles when she wore ship and stood off trying to leave us but the old
St Peter was too good stuff and soon overhauled her when she again backed
and went astern very pleasant all day wind rising as usual towards night

Thursday Feb 28th

In the morning wind light and weather pleasant In the
afternoon the weather became cloudy the wind rising and [illegible]
[illegible] Ship Al Bar Shore. Saw first 1850 Stay
The wind blew fresh from S S E Steering E by N weather cloudy By din
Passed the compliment to the French Barque at noon
It continued blowing fresh during the afternoon In the Evening continued

Saturday ~~February~~ 2nd

The wind blew heavy from S to E steering E under double
reefs fore and aft Shipped a few heavy seas Everything wet
There must be some thing in the long voyage to make the time pass
away gaily or else the sailors life becomes one of dull monotony some
thing must be done to raise the wind and set his jaw Tackles in
motion or else he becomes the subject of a dull mind and his mind
like a machine that has been laid by gets rusty by disuse This morn
the mate got up earlier than usual and coming forward with most
of the starboard boats Crew (their watch being on deck) asleep and being pretty
full of the matter gets a large tub full of nasty water that some one
has washed in and throws it all over them waking them through through
and commences laughing This is the way sailors get along laughing & laughing

Sunday 3d

It blows a pleasant gale with frequent squalls of small rain
Packet ship this morn and steers W S W Afternoon wind fell a little

Monday 4th 1850

The wind fell and the sea became smooth The day was
pleasant stood along under double reefs jib and fore sail
The time passes heavily away with nothing to disturb its
dull monotony But little to do and the mind becomes
dormant except now and then a joke which serves for a
time to take up the time But there is nothing more to make ships
should be furnished with a [illegible]

Ship St Peter off Madagascar Tues March 6th 1838

Rainy weather has come on. This morning it came on cloudy and at 10 o'clock it comenced raining hard with a strong wind from the S E Jacked ship at noon and stood E N E Looks very bad

Wednesday March 7th 1838

The wind continued to rise At daylight carried away Fore Topmast Staysail tearing it all to peices at the same time shipping a heavy sea which started everything that was moveable on deck. At breakfast time carried away fore brace and Block. The wind lulled a little during the fore noon sea still running high. At one the wind comenced blowing hard again at 2 still rising at 4 it blew a perfect gale at 5 hove the ship to Laying under close reefed main top Sail and fore Spencer Took in the foresail At 6 wind still rising we fastened down the Hatches fore and aft hoisted the Boats on the upper Quarter and made everything fast At the wind seemed to have got to its highest pitch blowing furiously and the rain pouring down in torrents and the sea as far as the Eye could reach a sheet of foam

Thursday March 8th

A little past one morn a heavy sea broke over us taking the Waist Boat from the Cranes and smashing the Hatches fore and aft pouring down the Forecastle in torrents With great exertion succeeded in lashing her till morning when we took her in on deck In the morning the Starboard Weather Rope parted but having rigged a preventer Tackle no damage was done The wind continued to blow with unremitting violence during the afternoon with out a little rain

Friday 8th

The wind increased if anything This morning Took in Main Top Sail & Jacked ship standing W N W but drifting directly towards land which is not far distant. The wind continued to blow with unremitting violence during the day the rain falling in torrents and our masts bending like willows. About 4 in the afternoon the wind rose to a tremendous heighth. It seems as if it would tear everything down the waves rising to a tremendous heighth and threatning at every wave to drive us under. Made everything fast as possible before dark. Jacked ship & stood S E East the wind hauling Westward

Saturday 9th

Along towards morning the wind lulled and the weather cleared up except a shower now and again In the morning made sail on the starboard Tack S E by E the wind blowing very fresh. The ship rather leeky. Latter part the wind and quite a sea Weather pleasant

Sunday Ship St Paul Sunday March 10th 1850

The wind began to decrease about 11 Clock morning and continued to do so till noon blowing only a light breze during the forenoon from N N W course East the Ship rolling badly from the effects of the late storm. The weather being fine we made all sail steering for the Sea Shell Islands round

Monday 11th March 1850

Light breze from the West and East course N by till noon when the Shell Islands hove in sight and steer South and East having a head wind. Shifted sails to day a very little rain just before dinner Black cat broke from her lashings and stowed away things between decks very things have got loose during the storm Casks Rigging &c

Tuesday March 12th 1850

Employed for Board & Fish before Breakfast and commenced as usual at 8 oClock am. The weather very pleasant with a light breze S by E course E by S on the Wind Lat 20.54 Lon 52.56

Wednesday March 13th 1850

The weather very pleasant wind light and variable from East & E by S Cleaned foreChains on the Starboard side Lat 19.54 Lon 56.11

Thursday March 14th 1850

Have got a whole breze to day from E by East course N by E The weather very pleasant Cleaned and painted chains again to day on the afternoon altered our course N by E East Lat 18.32 Lon 57.

Friday March 15th 1850

The first part of the day cloudy with sharp lightning. The wind fastened blowing from E by E course N by E Cleaned the Larboard Chains and Anchors painted & Small showers of rain Lat 16.13

Saturday March 16

In the morning fell in with heavy squalls of rain accompanied with sharp lightning and squalls of wind Forenoon pleasant with wind E by E course N by E At 12 we saw a Sail on the Starboard Bow. The Boats were ordered to be got ready and at ½ past 12 lowered away pulling along side of her found her to be a Dutch school Cows and Calves. We got close to them and pulled for School of Bulls broke water as far as we could see to Leward Pulled for 3 hours hard as we could to it the whales going Eyes out sometimes and all the while spouting making the water look white all around. They would keep about 3 ships length off and catching was out of the question Almost sundown our Boat got close to them and pulled with our might till we got within 12 yards length to the nearest one and down he went. We then returned to the ship

Ship St Pete Sunday March 17th 1850 Lat 13.15

The day is very ~~fine~~ pleasant with light winds from E^ward course NE and NNE Black fish at 11 Oclock The weather is very warm and sultry 5 Mos Out

Monday March 18th

Light winds and course as yesterday The steward was put in the rigging and got half dozen ~~fish~~ ~~harpooned~~ In ~~broke~~ steward and the wind died away to a calm Served skins for main brace bitt and top rope

Tuesday March 19th

Nothing but a long regular swell is on to day. The weather is very warm and sultry: Knotted rope yarns &c &c. Saw one of those illusions often seen at Sea. Thought we saw Land but proved to be Cape Fly away

Wednesday 20th

This morning a light wind sprang up from the East but soon died away leaving us with scarcely a breath of air. The light winds of the last few days has caused the swell to almost disappear leaving the ship almost motionless and the sea looks like a vast Mirror as far as the Eye can reach. To day E Goodwin was put to the wheel for disobeying the order of J Wood how long for is not decided

Thursday 21st 1850

In the morning latted down Rigging In the forenoon got up an old Mizen Top Gallant Sail and mended it There is scarcely a breath of air stirring could see Ely Mt In the afternoon bent Miz Gal Sail and got up old Fil for mending

F Friday 22nd

Very light winds and variable There has been for several days very swift currents at times setting westward accompanied with sharp quick seas and winds like waves dashing on a Beach Mended old fil in forenoon afternoon finished mending fil and bent it. While bending the fil a School of Porpoises came along and the Mate Struck one from the Martingall but the iron drawed and he was so near dead that he floated around the Ship. Lowered Starboard boat and picked him up. While we was out a large Tiger Shark came around Rang't the Ship & the Ship and chased the Shark. Put 2 Irons in him took him aboard & and skinned him. His skin is used for the same purpose as Sandpaper

Saturday 23d

To day is like the rest with light winds and Currents. At P.M. a large shower came on with a small shower of rain After which it again became calm

Sunday 24th

Light currents setting Westward with [illegible] Lying at [illegible] The current can be heard from 3 to 6 miles

Ship At Sea March 25th 1850 Monday

Fine fresh breezes & fair weather Saw Land bearing East Distant
East Sterling No 6 East Saw 2 sails astern. Heavy shower of rain 3 P.M.

Tuesday

Tuesday Mch 26th

We have a good breeze to day from No No East Steering close by
the wind At Meridian 4 P.M. set up Fly Jib Jigs &c Middle
the watches as usual Steering with the wind Wednesday Mch 27th 1850

The day began with heavy Squalls from the So East accompanied with
heavy Rain. The rest of the day Rain the wind keeping veering
at night the Weather cleared up and we had pleasant Moonlight.

Thursday Mch 28th 1850

A fine pleasant day with a fresh wind from So So East & more Et East.
Sighted Island Trinidad this morning (one of the Africans) Hauled
over to the Northward & P.M. the Admiral sighted Land
Made & Gave Chase to the Windward. Wind fresh & squally No No West & West
got close past & Anchored 1 pot from Cape Coast.

Friday Mch 29th

A good breeze from E.S.E. & E. course No No E till 4 the Wind hauled
ahead to the Wind course NE Saw a Wreck today P.M. Broke out between
decks and cleared away Boat and Top Gallant sails
Saw a Sail ahead towards Night Nights very pleasant with a full moon

Saturday Mch 30th

Winds light and variable standing East Saw a Sail off the Bow
Towards Night the Weather became hazy the wind freshening
Lat 3°18"

Sunday Mch 30th

The first part of the day heavy Squalls accompanied with heavy
Lightning and heavy Thunder. Reefed Foresail & Mainsail
The forenoon cloudy and very calm Lat 3° 40 Saw several Pinnacle Birds
During the Squalls in the night I think I never saw the Lightning
so sharp or play so fearfully The clouds appeared to be of a light
blaze all the time and the forked Lightning hissing and biting
as it struck the water rendered the scene not only awe inspiring in
the highest degree but to those who love such scenes all is a time
interesting in the extreme. When we parted the Hauling
I went into the Top to splice them but the getting [illegible] came to
assist me and we clewed up the Lightning clearly portrayed in each of
Faces and on our Hands as if to handle its indelible mark there. Then
the rolling Thunder like the [illegible] of an engaged Line when
in a tageals deep roarings echoing from wave to wave causing each
tumble from his main royal truck to his Keelson But this is nothing at
[illegible] the deep roaring Thunder dies away in the distance and
is forgotten. The wind dies away and all is again calm The silver Moon
in the Midheaven as lovely and shines as clearly as if nothing had happened
Numerous sightless Myriad again bearing Lat & Distant about
Bodies and Mutton Birds can be seen in any quantities as
ship. And now and then the waters will be lashed in

Ships At Sea Wednesday April 17th 1850 Seychelle Ground
The weather is cloudy and the wind is ESE today we are 6 months out
Spoke the Ship Wm Lee Jr Austin Master from Newport RI. Came aboard at 5 P.M.
She is 27 days out with 550 bbls sperm Killer came aboard pretty well to

Thursday Apl 18th /

The weather is pleasant with light winds from the East Reading South
It is the same here all the time pleasant weather and light winds
Alternating backwards and forward one way and then the other
Hardly any thing to do except break out for Heat or Water which we do
about once a week There is nothing to break the dull monotony of a Sailors

Friday Apl 19

Almost a calm Weather very pleasant but warm and sultry We could
just see the top of Mahe & Praslin Islands in the distance looking like a Cloud

Saturday Apl 20th

The wind light from E.S.E Made 8 miles from the 6 distant 5 Miles Stowed down
Oil. under main & Mizen Hatches. The 2 turned out 65 bbls Headstowed Larboard side chimps

Sunday Apl 21st

The wind fresh from E.S.E Standing E and N Tacked Ship several times during the day
Last Night we thought that Cattel would not live. To day he is a little better

Monday Apl 22

A pleasant breeze from E to East standing N West Saw a topsail Schooner
on the weather Bow Our sick ones are now to day Augustus returned to duty
The Topsail Schooner Turned in to the Big Columbus of New London
Capt Joseph Andrews Master 2 Days out 300 bbls sperm They came aboard the

Tuesday April 23

In the morning the wind was fresh In the afternoon it died away & was
was almost calm The whole group of Seychelles is in sight Praslin Curieuse
Bearing S West We are heading to get to the windward of them but the current carries
off and we gain but little Set up the Carrican and Fish hook put on new bight

Wednesday Apl 24th 1850

It is calm and the Broad blue Oceans bosom is as smooth as the finest silk
that ever nestles among fair Old Englands Hills reflecting even the smallest Cloud
in our Rigging. As far as the Eye can stretch nothing is to be seen but the blue
expanse of Waters spreading itself from Pole to Pole always smiling tranquil and

Thursday Apl 25th

During the forenoon a light breeze sprang up from the SE Standing SW and
Almost numberless Finbacks can be seen blowing and breaching in all directions
Finished the last garboard streak Got up Fin back blanks
Saw the Big Columbus making for Praslin Took in water

Friday Apl 26th

A light Wind from SE but by S standing East SE sailing Sunset and Turned
in The wind of the 2nd sprang fullest & Steady to Mizen topsail breeze
about 7 Oclock this Evening I sailed a Sperm Whale while standing
at the Wheel Lowered Larboard Boat. Sailed but missed him. The Moon
was full and the Evening was light and beautiful as Heart could wish

Saturday Apl 27th

The Wind fresh from SE by E course SW at Noon Tacked and stood
East NE East. Just after the Watch had Turned below after dinner the
Masthead sang out "There she whitens" and presently "There she blows"
but it was nothing but a large Sulphur bottom. He came within 2 Ships Length of

Sunday Apl 28th 1850

The wind is pretty fresh and variable with frequent Squalls. Making new Pants is
the order of the day in the Forecastle In the afternoon the wind continued
to freshen and at night we were obliged to take in Topgallant sails
and double reef Topsails. At eight Night had fallen to a gentle breeze

Monday Apl 29th 1850

In the morning the wind fore and aft Raised a School of Whales at Daylight
about 8 miles to Leeward and chased till 9 o'clock, steamers got up
to the windward & and killed one at 3 in the Evening with the Lance like
Germans [illegible] at night hulled & ran Stopping occasionally

Ships Hotel Tuesday April 30th 1850

Calm but a considerable swell from the West all day. Mr Official read out to the Lieutenant Darkness struck half past in a blow at the Crystill. Past a school of Blackfish came close along and the Capt took a notion to shoot one so he loaded a Carbine and gave it to me. Gave the order to me but soon after lost sight of it as we were [illegible] some distance from us. Turned Fishing. Raised a school of Whales at 4 past 4 miles to windward. Struck off the Hill one. Hove sounded heavy taking out 250 fathoms of line the Iron drawed and the same galley'd and we returned to the Ship again with Mr Jon our Steward

Wednesday May 1st 1850

The wind light Sounded after Whales at 8 A.M. after seeing some which was a great many more Purpoises and Blackfish we came aboard at 4 P.M. having spoken from 35 to 40 Whales [illegible] Broke out for Beef & Pork in the after Hold. Hove to Lieu Islands with Chart for ships and Sounded daily in the Morning and found 18 fathoms of water Sounded again at past 7 and no bottom

Thursday. may 2nd

The wind light from the Eastward. Hove Ship and stood Northwest Broke out Water from fore Hatches Raised a blow at 8. Stood towards it. Nothing but a Whales bottom Solved. Hove Topgallant Sails to keep the Topsail yard down

Friday May 3d 1850

Light Winds steering a No. West course. At 1 past one Thick came on and a light shower coming about 8 o'clock. Was on Main bank in the afternoon we passed [illegible] saw [illegible] plain at night Squalls close on the wind Reefed

Saturday May 4th

Hauled before the wind Hove to heading again standing No Nw at 1 past a pleasant breeze steering In the afternoon [illegible] course to North. At night hauled the [illegible] to the Wind. [illegible] day and more with [illegible] to see who shall appear [illegible] In the 2d watch [illegible] the main yard

Sunday May 5th

The Wind Hauled [illegible] & Hauling N.W. sighted Land again at 8 A.M. Raised a blow at 9 2 points abaft the weather Beam The spout is just discernable no [illegible] Stood for it but saw nothing more of it during the day.

Monday May 6th 1850

In the morning it was perfectly calm but during the forenoon a little [illegible] from N.W. steering S.W. In the morning clewed down all our light Sails but when the breeze sprung up they were again hoisted home In the afternoon it came on Cloudy and Squally At Night took in everything but Topsails and Jib. The Night looked dirty with sharp lightning

Tuesday May 7th

The Forenoon very Rainy accompanied with the most terrific Thunder and Lightning It struck at one time within 1/2 ships length of us. We lowered all our sail in the Morning but coming on to rain took them in again and clewed down Fore & Main topsails hauled up the Rig Tackles to the Main to and hauled up Courses Afternoon hazy but pleasant. All hands busily engaged in fishing

Wednesday May 8th

A stiff Breeze from W.S.W standing So So W. Set all sail this morning The weather is clear and pleasant The Old Man and Mate are Blacksmithing again In the afternoon it came on Squally the wind rising At night took in Topgallant Sails and Hauled up Mainsail double Reefed Topsails made all snug

Thursday May 9th 1850

It blew a little Gale in the Morning causing a high Sea. During the Forenoon the wind lulled gave her Main Topsail & Topgallant Sail Reefed to and set it In the Morning the weather looked squally but it cleared up during the forenoon and was pleasant the rest of the Day

JJT

Ships St Peter Friday May 10th 1850 Seychelle Ground
Was cloudy with a strong wind in the morning but died away in the
Evening we unsuccessfully swell on Mina & So So E. Course Ely Nos Pt
In the Afternoon the Wind rose again and we took several hard Squalls
Took in all sail but Foresail & Main top sail Tore the Jib in two about 10 feet from head

Saturday May 11th

The Wind variable and very strong from the Southward & Eastward Ran
a No Easterly course under Mainsail double reefed Topsails and Fly Jib
Took the Jib inboard to mend The weather thick and heavy with but little rain

Sunday May 12th 1850

The Weather pleasant & wind blowing pretty fresh from the So East
Steering Wly Wind on the Larboard quarter Ran within 25 miles of Mahe then
Found the wind set Stood off S.S.E. The wind continued to blow
fresh and the weather looking bad we took in sail again at sundown

Monday May 13th 1850

The wind strong and the Weather hazy In the Morning Tacked ship and
stood SW. At 10 A.M. altered our Course to S.S.W. At Noon sighted the
Islands again and stood in till within 8 miles and then hauled close to the
Wind & Lost in rain, but Hailing and sounding Ran Ship
Tuesday May 14th 1850
The wind backed during the night and in the morning set all but Fore
& Main Top Sail and The weather fair and pleasant Tacked
Ship & stood Inshore Steering NNW by Compass Saw Mahe Praslin
Coins and Frigate Islands Hauled up NW by W & Ran for Praslin
Praslin is just on our weather Beam and is most beautiful to see Ran
Wednesday May 15th
7 good Breeze blowing steering NW Made Denis Island at
4 P.M. Passed three Whales at 5 Lowered away and took 3 cows
at them also Tacked at 8 in the Evening Of the Whales had Calves with them
which made them sound heavy and act rather wild We was out rising of 6 hours.
Thursday May 16th 1850
Weather very calm So that we were not in our depth Hoisted the Jib
Three Sail Ships one on our Lee and the other on our Weather Beam
The Weather one run off and struck Whales Supposed to be the William Lee
Friday May 17th Tho out 1850
Crowned us Trying out and just no wind attacked which makes it rather
warm We can see the smoke of the Ships off from the Masthead
Saturday May 18th
Finished Trying out in the forenoon the wind very light In the afternoon
the wind freshened Wednesday was a lucky day on all sides we struck 3 whales
and aboard ship our number was augmented by 8 nice young Pigs & in
Sunday May 19th 1850
A strong breeze blowing from So So East heading NE by East at noon wore Ship and stood
W So West. The Big Canoe stood on Bow about 5 O'clock this morning
O'clock in the evening was off Denis Island. Hauled up Mainsail and backed Main yard
Monday
The wind fresh from E by S heading So West by South passed about 4 miles on our
Weather Beam 2 Sails ahead So the Captain thought, answering with the

Ship Ch Fish Sunday May 21st 1850

[illegible] and a good [illegible] Steering [illegible] Ship [illegible] Middle part [illegible] Ship [illegible] Middle part [illegible] Ship [illegible] months and to another [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Frigate Island

Ship Gt Fish Saturday June 1st 1851 96 Bbls

Stood down N E by E with light airs N Main R this Stowed part of the oil Tied The wind fresh from N by E Sighted the Islands early in the morning Lat 9°S

Sunday June 2nd

Weather pleasant with a fresh wind N by E 1 N steering W by S Got all sail again beating to windward of the Islands having drifted to leward while taking in Oil At 10 in the Evening made and hove to off Frigate Island

Monday June 3d

In the morning stood in for the Island and the Captain and 2nd mate with the Waist Boat and crew went ashore for the purpose of getting fruit The boat returned at ½ past 11 with a few Cocoa nuts but no fruit Frigate Island is some green corn and some other fruit The season for fruit is about the 1st of Dec so we did not obtain much Sugar cane is cultivated to a considerable extent Sugar and Rum are made here in small quantities The Houses or Huts are made of rushes The Island rises 250 or 300 feet above the Sea and is very fertile along the Beach but back for ¾ of a mile it rises and is rocky and barren In the afternoon stood off to windward & sent 4 men aloft Whales ahead It was not long before whales were all around us in every direction Lowered away at 4 P.M. and struck Sons Starboard boat fastened first The whale Sounded several Times but we could not get near him one Iron which had hardly struck him before he milled and gave us a clip under the head sheets cracking the Stem piece and staving the Larboard streak considerably The boatsteerer was thrown overboard and the rest just saved themselves The Waist boat fastened just after to another and they were cut all to pieces by his head striking them on both sides leaking their gunwale and keel and staving their bottom all efforts unsuccessful after great exertion in turning him we succeeded in getting him under the Lee quarter and became more safe from him with the Ship In the mean time the mate had taken our whale and killed him our boat came aboard Just after the ship passed the boat we heard them cry out that they were sinking We instantly put about & the Captain myself & 6 Kanakas and 6 Oars put off to them Took them aboard with such things as could be got at and returned to the ship We then returned again to look for the whale but with no success Returning to the Ship again the Captain thought it best to go to sea and lay by the whale that the mate had killed Accordingly we got supper and taking grub with us the 2nd mate Edward H Simpson and myself went down We changed boats with the mate he went aboard getting to the Ship about midnight Thus ends the day

Tuesday June 4th

Daylight finds us laying by the Whale the Ship 5 miles to windward After picking up the Seven Boat went down to the whale she bore down and we got about 2 ft past the Ship had about ½ the whale out in and the Starboard boat in the former which was all to pieces hardly a plank held together Finished cutting and stowed the work at 3 o'clock Weather pleasant with light winds

Wednesday June 5th

Considerable rain fell during the forenoon but the afternoon was pleasant and light winds all day At sundown took our Blubber on shore The 1st boys went to watch Mates boat came aboard She had her Boat stove and carried her Oars

Thursday June 6th

Finished trying except a little scraps and cleared up Decks Set sail again to look for more Blackskin Light wind and pleasant weather

Friday June 7th

Hoisted the Starboard boat on deck and set over her Seams Set sail Pleasant Weather pleasant with a fresh wind steering S by E

Mayo St Nobl Saturday June 7th 1862 Lat 7°
Strong breezes & thick weather in the morning & calms in the afternoon & evening with showers of rain & thunder & lightning

Sunday June 8th
Had a strong wind from So So E accompanied with showers steering as per log in the afternoon the wind was variable, took several hard squalls of rain

Monday June 16th
Hove the Bonetta Bank Bank steering West at 9 altered the course to NW by W at 11 wind fresh & veered to E S E the wind strong from So So E & E S E & hove to with fore & main topsails & reefed foresail & set fore topgallant sail. Tore up the old West coast of Africa chart & cleared decks &c At sundown took in topgallants

Tuesday June 11th
At 1 A.M. sounding broke out for water in the forehold. The wind fresh from E S E steering W & S under fore & main topsails & reefed foresail & set fore topgallant At 4 A.M. the weather was squally & very unsettled. At sundown took in topgallants & reefed foresail & set fore topgallant sail & hauled up the mainsail & set it again at 8 P.M. Middle part fresh & squally

Wednesday June 12th
At 4 squally the wind suddenly freshening close hauled & braced a back in the morning & although the wind was strong set all sail but to close reef & take in sail as it was that we had to reef the topsails & mainsail & treble reefed topsail & foresail & furled the mainsail

Thursday June 13
The wind very strong from the East during the night & at 4 A.M. split the fore topsail & had another the old one was much worn & useless

Friday June 14th Hoisted out boat & got the sextant (worked it engine) & fixed hook & line over the side & hauled up the mainsail as a sign for a gam with the ship down to leeward & Captain Andrews spent the evening aboard of us. The wind fresh

Saturday June 15th
Looks squally The wind very strong from S S E during the night & split the fore topsail & another the old one much worn & useless

Sunday June 16th
A good breeze blowing from So So East steering S W by S. Passed frigate Indian in the forenoon At 1 P.M. Mahe bearing W by N distant 12 miles steering current sets directly in shore S S E East trade prevails at this time of the year

Monday June 17 8 mos out
The wind is very light steering West The weather very pleasant Set up new fore topgallant Backstay and rubbed it. The old one has parted twice During the night & good breeze springing up from So So East At sundown braced aback the main yard

Tuesday June 18
Nothing to see from the Bonetta Bank. Braces forward at daylight and stood West At 9 past 8 A.M. saw a beach whale ahead in sight from deck could see spouts About 11 past 9 lowered the 2nd B struck 45 ft Bull 1st the 2nd time struck missed a whit Land ho! Land ho! Land ho!

Ship St Peter Friday June 21st 1850

Strong breeze from the S. S. E. Saw Land in the morning took several heavy showers Mr Ferguson is sick Capsize Sighted Africa Islands at 4 P.M. Lewin West Broke out water Latter Part Saw the Lights on the Coast the weather was cloudy

Saturday June 22d

Packet ship in in the morning and steered for Sighted the Island again at 8 A.M. and saw a ship near the shore with all sail furled Thinking she might be short we run off but it proved to be the George Tutel. She had been despatched and was taking in a cargo of Guano for the Mauritius We stood in and the Captain and 2d Mate went aboard The wind very strong from the South East The boats crew got treated with a bottle of Rum a dinner of Rice and Goodies At 2 P.M. tacked and stood off steering E. by S. East At sundown double reefed topsails

Sunday June 23

At sunrise Turned up out of fore & main topsails and set the main topgallant sails The wind back from S.S.E. steering E.S.E. to S.W. for the Seychells again to look for the Barque Bartholomew Leonard for which we have 50 bbls of Beef and Pork She has just returned from Port Dauphin At 1 A.M. tacked ship came to E. by East At 3 to East At 4 the wind hauled and steered close hauled E. by S. East Reefed again at sunset

Monday June 24th

Steered close hauled to the E.S.E. the wind still from E. by S. Took up the wheel Boards and cleaned the sheaves overhauled the ropes and stove them and for end Weather cloudy

Tuesday June 25th

Took a very heavy squall of wind and rain at 2 A.M. All hands were at Breakfast when it struck. It was like a hurricane while it lasted The instant it struck it battered the main sail and away went the main sail but instantly hauling up the sheet guys and clewlines saved the sail. The jib sheet parted but a little before we let it fall it before the squall struck which saved the jib The weather cloudy and wind strong from E. by S. East steering E. by S. Broke out fresh cask of water from fore Hold & main The after one it came on to blow & rain Double reefed topsails at 2 P.M. Broke out beef and Cask, soon after hove to Cow Island bearing E. by N. off

Wednesday June 26

The wind hulled towards the South and the weather cleared up a little At 6 A.M. raised Whales off the weather bow but at 8 we took steady squall and lost one of them again At 8 they came down to leeward having two gallied by Ship Chased them with the Jib Sail to 10 and then lowered the Boats and chased till 2 P.M. by the wind as they headed squalls following each other in quick succession At that time the 1st Boat struck and double reefed main topsail The other Boats fastened a little after to 2 cows lowered 2d Boat again at 3 a heavy sea running and more squalls Boat turned up a Sperm Whale The 1st Boat after being fast a while got capsized and were obliged to cut line loosing most of their craft and 2d mate and 2 men came near drowning Their whale came close alongside of the ship and we hauled in but with no success Picked up the 1st Boat at 7 past 6 The wind still increasing took in all but double reefed main topsail in the evening

Thursday June 27th

Cut in the whale The wind fell during the night but left a heavy sea and Commenced boiling in the afternoon The weather pleasant Light winds

Friday June 28th

Finished boiling at noon The weather clear with light and variable winds Steered E. by N. till sunset then wore ship and headed S.W.

Saturday June 29th

The wind always from E. to S.E. & S.S.E. The weather squally Double reefed and Tacked Ship at sunset standing E. by N. the Evening the weather cleared up and was pleasant

Ship St Jolet Tuesday July 16th 1850

The main yard was backed at 8 o'clock in the morning and filled forward at sunrise standing E Hove ship at 8 and steered N by E Hailed a sail to the wind at 9 and steered N.W. a good breeze from S.S.E. at 2 knots on the wind steering E.N.E

Wednesday July 17th

Sent down the fore Topsail and repaired it A stiff breeze from the south steering E by N till noon when we wore ship and steered W.N.W. Sighted land at 4 Sett off W. Towards night it came on squally Reef Topsail again at 5 - 2

Thursday July 18th

Stowed away all the provisions Hold & broke out shooks for Water casks Employed filling them from the Tank and a boat on shore getting Wood &c At 8 the Natives came off in Canoes At night wore ship and stood Off & On

Friday July 19th

The wind fresh from S.S.E steering S.W. Set up Shooks sent Boat on shore Employed filling Water Cloudy Sighted Friendly Island at 2 P.M. wore at 5 wore and stood E under single Reefed Topsails and D.R. Off & On all night Hauled down

Saturday July 20th

Light winds from S.S.E. Steering W.N.W. The weather very pleasant Turned the hands up at 6 Got Topsail yard on deck and finished setting up shrouds Sent Boat on shore to get Water filled Employed in the Hold

Sunday July 21st

Sent the Boat on shore to get Water filled at 2 in the morning took on board 40 casks ashore for watering Water filled to the brim at 9 1-2 the Boat came off and cleared the outside of the Ship In the afternoon took off water and cleared Ship stowed down water &c

Monday July 22nd

Stowed down water and rafted 8 more casks besides getting a boat load of wood and cleaning ship Mr Monday brought a boat load of Pumpkins &c Several Canoes visited us during the day bringing fruit Fish &c

Tuesday July 23d

Took off 6 Boat loads of wood and stowed some between decks Watering is quite pleasant save a few showers of rain more Canoes came off with fruit

Wednesday July 24th

Took off 6 Boat loads of wood and blacked the ships Sides cleaning the ~~and cutting boats gunwale~~ The weather continues pleasant with strong winds from the S.E Pinnace arrived from Shore at 1 P.M. Fine

Thursday July 25th

The Starboard watch got liberty, cleaned ship, blacked the starboard sides and stowed wood and water between decks Weather pleasant The Pinnace sailed for shore at 10. Mr Cap Flavin master &c

Friday July 26th

Starboard watch went ashore on liberty Larboard washed the ships inside and got ready to paint The weather continues pleasant

Saturday July 27th

Starboard watch ashore Hove Taffrail on Mr Bougot's canoe

Sunday July 28th

Larboard watch ashore Painted white streak and Bulwarks on the larboard side Weather pleasant

Monday July 29th

This morning James Parker ran away and shore Liberty stopped Painted inside Finished the Bulwarks and Letters on the stern

Ship St Peter Wednesday July 31st 1850

Cadet James [illegible] this morning At noon he was seized up and a dozen given him for damages Painted the Round house Companion way the sails mast gally [illegible] Pots &c Pinnace driven from Bake & Eve

Thursday August 1st 1850

The Captain went to Make in the Pinnace which sailed at noon On board [illegible] ropes &c cloth from the steerage and packed it in casks Rip potatoes in the net

Friday Aug 2d

The weather rainy and unpleasant Cleared away from under the hatches and stowed hawsers &c &c oil Lashings in the starbd Set up fore top mast and rigged same

Saturday Aug 3d

Captain Elmy arrived in the Pinnace this morning from Make with 9 Police to search for the runaways. Got Boat masts and broom stuff from shore on board set up Main Topsail and Topgallant backstays weather Cables

Sunday Aug 4th

Frequent showers during the day At Pilothead gave himself up to the mate this morning The Police came aboard at noon in a rage because the mate cheated him out of his way Towards night. [illegible] Doyall came down and the Capn lowered a boat went after him They were both put in irons for safe keeping [illegible] Gone

Monday Aug 5th

Unrove the fall clear of hawse the hawsers on the wind steering East Got the Anchor a cockbill put on the main rigging and Logged 1. Got the Anchor after which we got a raft of casks off. At 11 we made all ready to weigh the anchor At 1 P.M. we hove the anchor and put to sea the wind blowing fresh from SSE At 3 stowed the Anchors and sunbent cables The boats and Quarter kicked up a row and the mate struck him over the shoulders with a stick of wood They were both hastily sent forward The Gig was sent forward for repairs

Many taken aback with stoppage of water Tuesday Aug 6th Painted B B

Commenced cleaning and tarring the cables. Finished the larboard one and stowed it. The wind fresh from SSE steering E At noon Hove out and stowed close hawse

Wednesday Aug 7th

Finished the Starboard Cable and stowed it The wind fresh from SSE steering WSW Backed out for Anchor in the after Hold At night took in sail & hauled on the wind

Thursday Aug 8th

Took the Larboard Boat in on deck to repair her She had been some hard knocks and leaked badly Wind fresh from SSE steering W by S Fresh breezes and squally At 1 PM At 2 the man at mast sung out "Breakers ahead" In 5 minutes more we would have been high and dry on Bird Island Reefs The weather was very hazy and the Island being very low it was not observed till we were very close to it Stopped and hauled close on the wind steering E

Friday Aug 9th

Painted the Larboard Boat Broke out water Set fore sail shrouds &c Fresh breezes & hazy with occasional showers steering E by S At night took in Topgallant sails & hauled on the wind

Saturday Aug 10th

The weather wet and cloudy with strong winds from SSE steering came close upon Egg with 4 gales of Sail &c at night At 5 PM it began to rain very hard and continued till near midnight At 1 AM called up four watch and set Topsails and Jibs Put up the Foresail and let them hang Steered NNE during the day hauled the wind at night

H H Langdon practical carpenter Sunday Aug 11th

The weather cloudy and strong winds from the SSE steering NNE At 8 AM came now on and it is easy to the SE Gusts At night lowered fore and main topsail but held out & while Reefed the Topgallant sails and hauled up the Foresail

Monday Aug 12th passed the

We hold the same course as yesterday the wind heading it The weather is pleasant and wind light At 11 AM Passed between the Islands &

Tuesday Aug 13th at 1 PM

Steered our course to [illegible] the forenoon the wind veered [illegible] but in the afternoon it came on to blow fresh with occasional showers

Ship of Steel Wednesday Aug 14th 1850

Thursday Aug 15

Friday Aug 16th

Saturday Aug 17th

Sunday Aug 18

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Tuesday Aug 20

Wednesday Aug 21st

Thursday Aug 22

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Saturday Aug 24

Sunday Aug 25

Monday Aug 26

Tuesday Aug 27

Off Ft Pitt Tuesday Aug 27th At the mouth of Miss
[illegible] and Steered from N.E. Passing Ft Pitt Raised
Pass at noon and at 2 it was only 12 miles distant. Set Stocks low and sandy
Kept down it Sprinkles and moderated it Packed ship at 2 and steered S.E. by S
Sent the Spanker at 4 bells in the afternoon Towards night the wind freshened
and was obliged to take in Mizen topgallant sail & flying jib Struck a Porpoise

Wednesday Aug 28th

Packed ship at 1 in the morning watch was called and steered W The wind
rather light from S.S.W Sent down the foretopsail Yards served the same
and sent them up again Set Lee sent a new boat sail Made the [illegible]
of & Rope and Packed Sampling S.E The wind came so to blow very fresh
towards night and at 8 in the evening [illegible] Took the flying jib and
main topgallant halliards Took them both in Split the halliards and set

Thursday Aug 29th

Evening gale from S.S.E. at 8 Bells Pitt Ellis Pt was abeam We made
the Land and Packed ship and stood off close hauled Saw in the fore
part ironed it Took a piece of white cloth from a sail in the starboard
boat Set the flying jib at 4 bells in the afternoon and packed Coming on
a fine night at sunset took in fore & Mizen topgallant sails Packed ship

Friday Aug 30th

Pleasant with strong breezes Steering S.E Set the main topsail
and flying jib at 6 bells in the morning Mate in the boat Packed ship
from an old cutting pennant and put a false rail in the starboard
main rigging Served the Mizen topmast shrouds to prevent the
topsail Yards from chafing when the sail is close hauled Weather
as last night Took in main topgallant sail and set flying jib Packed ship

Saturday Aug 31st

Off Muscadoga
The afternoon cloudy the wind fresh from S.S.E Steering S.E by E
standing along under topsails courses and jib to the afternoon the
wind fell Boiled out Porpoise oil and [illegible] Heaved the log at

Ships Pt Peter Sunday September 1st 1850 from the south to the
Pleasant weather and light winds from S.S.E Steering S.E Smoking a
passage for the coast of Florida Set all sail in the forenoon At 6 Day to
a very light breeze Set all sail in the forenoon At 6 Day to

Monday Sept 2nd

The wind continued light from S.S.E Steering S.E Put out on the fore
and Mizen topsail yards and worked in the rigging taking off and
putting on chafe gear Served Larboard Mizen topmast shrouds

Tuesday Sept 3d

Pleasant weather and light breezes Steering S.E continued the
work on the Rigging Gascades night & come on to blow fresh

Wednesday Sept 4th

In the forenoon the wind [illegible] at 8 it fell a light breeze
fair [illegible] a light breeze from the S.E Steering S.S.E Shaken out
turned and trimmed in Main topmast studdingsail Lat 29° N
In the evening the weather [illegible]

Thursday Sept 5th

The wind still continued [illegible] from S.S.E Steering S.E In the
morning the main topsail yard fell down [illegible] at 6 bells
At 8 bells the wind fell [illegible]
Found a large Cow fish at 8 bells

Friday Sept 6th

Taken up in the main chains water and stood off N.E The
afternoon light from the S.E Washed among the rigging and
killed the Cowfish Weather cloudy On the forecastle Last
Night the Pilot Mr Cox Came on board in the evening Last night
[illegible]

Ships Jt Isle Saturday Sept 7th 1850
Cloudy weather and at 4 P.M. parted company with the Ship Viking
Set foretop mizen top gallant sails and flying jib. So the first day
it ended in Squalls

Sunday Sep 8th
Employed the ships company to P by S blowing fresh steering S.W. by W
Set the foldant Sail a few finbacks - blow in the forenoon saw Boat whales

Monday Sep 9th
Commenced setting Operations this week by taking ship at 6 bells
steering P by S by the wind during part of the day with the
pleasant breeze Sent down the fore topsail & the fore topmast Stay
sail & ran steering the same course as before in the afternoon
the wind hauled to S by S steering S by W by compass

Tuesday Sept 10th
Pleasant weather and moderate breezes from S by E steering S by
Sent down the spanker main and best new ones. The Ship moved
[illegible] for the night In the afternoon the wind became light
caught a dolphin at 9 bells P.M.

Wednesday Sept 11th
The wind light from S by E steering S by E the weather continues
pleasant Took down main topsail & reefed it was
[illegible] and sent it up again employed the remainder of the day

Thursday Sep 12th
During the night the wind hauled to S by W consequently
we could not steer our course pleasant with
cloudy with a little rain Captain made sticken &c the
ship Bolton met paid Salmon he came to a little to leeward

Friday Sep. 13th
Pleasant weather and very light breezes from the S by E
Looked at a land [illegible] Saw a ship on our weather quarter
before we tacked Came up with the starboard jib guy turned it in and set
[illegible] at 3 P.M. observed of land in the afternoon Capn returned [illegible]

Saturday Sep 14th
Light breezes. The weather is hazy and now & then a light shower
at 8 P.M. hove about 7 miles to windward paying off likewise
to the Starboard tack Saw several Sperm whales blowing
[illegible] Employed the remainder of the day in [illegible]
[illegible] Boat [illegible] Sperm whales [illegible] Boat
a little [illegible] gone over the [illegible] the boat fast and a
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Ship St Peter Tuesday Sep 17th with regulars
Blowing a half a gale from the SE steering close hauled at 1PM
Till 8 AM when we were Ship and steered N.W. 2/3 for Dennys Island
Turned Hands out of fore and main topsail and loosed the main sail to
Sight Land Dennys at 2 PM and at 4 hauled on the wind course E by
Wednesday Sep 18th
In the morning loosed the Topgallant sail and flying Jib stood
for Dennys Island by the Wind stiff breze blowing from E by SE
At 8 made the Island named at 9 hove to and the Starboard and
Larboard Boats went ashore to shoot Dogs The Boats returned
at 5 PM having 3 Dogs and a few Hens at 8 stood away steering
But the wind shifted and we were obliged to steer E by S & S on the log
at 11 PM Dennys Island bore N by E 10 miles distant Thermometer 56
Sounded the Island at 2 PM and at night tacked and stood
Sunday Sep 22
Pleasant weather and light winds from SE by S close hauled on
Tacked at 12 and steered E by S gain at 12 at night
Monday Sep 23d
The ship at 8 A.M. steering N.W. for Bird Island Palmer
Dennys Island at 3 PM. At sunset hauled back the
Again and came by to under Topsails Raised a school of
Whales off Dennys Sent out boat for Topsail but the boat
Tuesday Sep 24th
Sent in the Jib and repaired it Braced forward at sunrise
steering N.E. by E. the wind blowing fresh from E Tacked at
noon steering E by S light airs & variable at P.M. NE
In the afternoon Lieut for water carries the main Halliards
Carpenter has got a work ab[out] for sleeping on his lookout and is
setting all the spikes in the deck Weather rather cloudy
Double reefed the fore and mizen Topsails at sunset Tacked
when the first watch was out was steering S.W. by E
Saturday Sept 21st
Shifted Lieut of the fore and mizen topsails and Tacked ship
at 6 bells in the morning standing E by S blowing a good breze from
the S & E Basin bears W by S 30 miles distant Thermometer 60
Sighted the Islands at 2 PM and at night tacked and stood
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the S & E Basin bears W by S 30 miles distant Thermometer 60
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Ships at Sea Friday Sept 27th 1850 Sept fells
[illegible] with a little rain The wind variable from S
to N & N W having a light breeze Tacked and stood S by E at 6 bells
[illegible] to the foresail and overhauled old
[illegible] Bigged new shrouds to the main royal m
[illegible] took a light [illegible] which [illegible]
[illegible] S E by E

Saturday Sept 28th

Shipped blocks for mizen topsail braces and the main royal
[illegible] Tacked Wind [illegible] S E by S shor
[illegible] Tacked standing E by S Sighted Bird island E by S
[illegible] E by E the wind lighting to a light b

Sunday Sept 29th

Fair and pleasant In the evening a light breeze sprung
[illegible] but very pleasant

Monday Sept 30th

Tacked ship at 4 bells A.M. standing E by S Fair very light breeze
[illegible] at 8 P.M. Penny island was on the weather beam 8 miles off
[illegible] parting with the Ships Clarice of N Bedford Gifford
[illegible] Edwards 2 Wells Fellow The last boat over overboard off
the light in a small harbour when sick they saved Both ships Lo
[illegible] for the night but without success A very strong smell of sh

Bright Rock Tuesday Oct 1st

Light winds and pleasant in the morning steering S by E Passed one
[illegible] on the weather bow and [illegible] in their place At
P.M. lowered for Mackerel off Penny Island and succeed
in taking one Barrel The rest of the day in boat sailing
steering Bore up & Rounded at sunset steering E & N[illegible]

Wednesday Oct 2nd

The wind continued to freshen during the night and were obliged
to take in [illegible] and [illegible] it for the morning watch
[illegible] before the wind dying away At 4 P.M. Passed Blue fish Bubbles in
the forenoon and boiled it in the afternoon Off Penny at noon
After boiling the oil was put up hot and [illegible] the barrel making
a loud report, the oil running all over the deck, and to see the
scrambling of men and dogs to clear the hot oil, was a scene for
a painter Passed Bird island at 4 P.M. Double reefed at night

Thursday Oct 3d

Unreefed Topsails at sunrise and at noon took in Topgallants
[illegible] Tacked at 6 bells A.M. and stood S E by S The old man
to Oct 4th A.M. 1850 Came to the wind on the starboard tack steering E
All hands are making thumb sinnet for splicing deck steps

Friday Oct 4th

Weather pleasant and wind flawy steering E till noon then tacked
and steered S S E At 1 P.M. commenced shifting the fore top mast
and [illegible] with the rags out to day Tacked at sunset steering N by E

Saturday Oct 5th

Tacked at 6 bells A.M. and stood S E by S The old man is making
sinnet and the carpenter the blacksmithing fires is a caution to
[illegible] Shifted the quadrant Tackle block stops & made thumb sinnet
Tacked at 4 P.M. standing N by E, a stiff breeze blowing from S by W

Sunday Oct 6th

Wind [illegible] light from S by W standing S & by E In the afternoon
came on cloudy At 6 P.M. Tacked after the starboard watch turned below in the afternoon about the health manners
and customs of people living in the country and there in the
city Concluded at 8 P.M. and turned in without [illegible] the night
Sighted Eagle island [illegible] the [illegible]

Ship Ottilie Monday October 7th 1850
A light breeze from S.S.W. steering S by E till 7A M the
S.W. the trade wind has now changed to S.E. Came up
with and passed the main topgallant sheets at the shore
of St Helena passed S.W. again Sighted St Josephine of the
African Is. and Ascension Continued gybing Block Steps &c

Tuesday Oct 8th

In the morning the wind was light but freshened during the fore
noon Hoisted the Jib on Block stop and Boat sail
Seized a part of the main tack to keep it from chafing
During the afternoon the weather came on squally with a very
strong wind Hauling S.S.E. Steering S.W. by S at night took in the
top gallant sails and flying jib on the passage from Africa to Sidem

Wednesday Oct 9th

Strong breezes from S.E. steering S.S.W. Set main topgallant sail in the
morning In the afternoon came on squally the wind rising In the
evening took in flying Jib Sighted Step Blocks &c Capn made Sunday

Thursday Oct 10th

The wind continued to freshen during the night and became variable
took in main Topgallantsail and double reefed Fore & Mizen top
sails The weather continues squally & dirty. tonight double reefed

Friday Oct 11th

The weather continues squally blowing a half a gale from the S.E. by
E. & E. with single reefed fore & double reefed mizen topsails Shifted
position of Steps for Starboard Boat davit blocks and the old ones
is fixing gunlock stock & barrel &c. Must double reefed again

Saturday Oct 12th

Strong winds and frequent squalls, standing & under double reefed
fore and mizen topsails & single reefed main topsail. Middle Watch
Set davit block and one Reefed to Windward. Morning Watch came
up out of the main Topsail says the mate. Aye aye sir. ~~he returned~~
not understanding commenced hauling out both reefs which he seeing from
deck bawls out one reef you d-d scoundrels. One reef sir. and begins
hauling the first reef but getting the point of the first reef with that of
the second, the 2nd mate sung out clear that reef point you rascall. and
while clearing it the mate came in the top and says God d-n you
ill knock you off the yard if you don't careful. Letting go the reef & jumped
into the rigging told him I was not made to be knocked off the yard by him
and gave him an invitation to come and try his skill but whether he
thought best or not he quietly crawled his way to the mast head in silence

Sunday Oct 13th

Strong winds and squalls with hail & rain sailing on easterly course

Monday Oct 14th Set 7 A

Wind strong & variable from the westward & eastward steering S.
Raised a school of Whales at 4 P.M. lowered the Boats and
killed 3 cow whales. Captain Foote struck the first
Boat was stove by a loose whale carelessly. After taking them
alongside viewed up all the sails and let go to lay. Wind falling

Tuesday Oct 15th

Light winds & pleasant weather. Finished cutting in at 2 P.M.
Commenced boiling at 4 Set double reefed topsails at 8 P.M.

Wednesday Oct 16th

Thursday Oct 17th

Finished boiling at 11 A.

Friday October 18th 1850

Light winds & pleasant weather [illegible] E.N.E. & Boats
the Jane and Lucy & Adamant ship'd & Rec'd in Topgallantsails &
flying jib. At this day begins & mustered & must keep this book clean &

Saturday Oct 19th

Moored E with a spare kedge from S.S. Set & sent Topgallantsails & flying jib
During the forenoon the wind became light & the weather cloudy. Towards
night & kept down many of clouds gathered to windward and seemed
to threat a heavy blow but the wind continued light and steady
Sent the boat for & after bullocks & Brimsail and flying jib. At 8 P.M in the
evening the rack cloud broke away and the weather became pleasant but hazy
was [illegible] 25 miles of the isle of Platte at sunset it bearing N.E. by E

Sunday Oct 20th Saw soundings
Found tide runs to Eastward. Set the mainsail. Sent up Topgallantsail & flying
jib at 6 A.M. & the Captain ship steering S.W. & W. with a light breeze from E.S.E
the weather cloudy accompanied with a little rain during the afternoon.
The wind freshened to a stiff breeze. Double reefed at 6 P.M. saw soundings

Monday Oct 21st

Got ship at 7 A.M. steering W.S.W. a stiff Breeze blowing from E
Moored ship as yesterday. Sent up Topgallantsails & flying jib
Broke out for Breakfast & at the same time commenced taking in Cargo
At 1 P.M. commenced taking in rice & continued during the
afternoon. The wind variable as to direction & quantity. At 5 P.M. it commenced
raining and double reefed topsails furled the mainsail & flying jib

Tuesday Oct 22nd

The weather is cloudy and wind strong from S.E. & E. & S.E. & E. & N.E. & N.
Ship over ship and stood off & on Bolt Point with [illegible]

Wednesday Oct 23rd Lat 6°

Fine clear & pleasant weather. At 6 A.M. hauled [illegible] out of Port
and let down Topgallantsail & flying jib. Passed the Coast & Port Victoria
Topgallantsail & [illegible] long. Let it again at 7 at the same
time we passed [illegible] E.S.E. Sighted Rocks distance at 9 P.M.
came to an anchor at the N end of the Island. At 6 hauled to the wind
& and took in sail. Let go the fore topsail head at 6 for 4 fathoms

Thursday Oct 24th Arrived

Light winds & pleasant weather. At 7 A.M. got under way with the fore Head
Reefed topsail & set the mainsail & double reefed ditto. Sent down the fore Topsail &
From Amirants to Seychelles. Friday Oct 25th
Set all sail at 6 A.M. steering W.S.W. a stiff Breeze blowing from E
Moored ship as yesterday. Sent up Topgallantsails & flying jib
Broke out for Breakfast & at the same time commenced taking in Cargo
At 1 P.M. commenced taking in rice & continued during the
afternoon. The wind variable as to direction & quantity. At 5 P.M. it commenced
raining and double reefed topsails furled the mainsail & flying jib

Saturday Oct 26th

The wind very light from the S. and S.W. At 3 P.M. saw land bearing
North East & Low Island & Moored to it. South standard Tack
Moored. In the morning sent down the fore Topsail yard & repaired
it. Sent it again at 1 P.M. and sent down the mainsail and
attached it and sent up again at 4 P.M. Observed Variation 2°

Sunday Oct 27th

Light winds and pleasant weather Steering N.E. & E. wind from S.E.

Monday Oct 28th

Lay with the main yard aback during the night. At 6 A.M. heaved short
and sent down Topgallantsails hove S.E. by E. At 8 A.M. sent down the main
topgallantsail & repaired it. At noon took a light shower. During
the afternoon the weather came on cloudy and the wind freshened
At 6 P.M. wore ship forward & aft & furled the mainsail coming to the wind
on the starboard tack. At 8 in the evening commenced taking fresh
air to topsail sailing. wore ship & backed the main yard heading S.

Tuesday Oct 29th

Braced forward at 6 A.M. steering E. & the wind strong from S.S.E.
Variation steady. Set all but fore & main Topgallantsails. At 9 A.M.
saw a sail on the lee bow. Under the at 8 P.M. the afternoon the
weather came on wet & rainy. At 6 P.M. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

Ship Helen Wednesday Oct. 30th 1850 Keyhail

West & Squally. Set sail as yesterday but coming on to blow took in main Topgallantsail & flying Jib at 9 P.M. Broke out for water under the main Hatches. Wind Variable & unsteady. Off Bird Island

Thursday Oct 31st Sail b

Strong winds and cloudy weather at 8 A.M. Off Dewing Island In the afternoon broke out Beef & Bulkhead got up the slop casks from which took 4 bbl wool Drill 2 white wool undershirts 1 pr shoes & Freely paid me 1 Red wool shirt 1 Stripe cotton do 1 do Frock 1 Hampton 1 stripe Jersey shirt D. Goodwin 1 pr Drawers. Took in main Topgallantsail & flying Jib. Tacked ship. Strong S & SE at sunset Carpenter fitted a collar around the foot of the lower mast

Friday Nov 1st

Light winds & a dirty uncomfortable day. Hove to & Loosed all sail but fore Topgallantsail at sunrise. Carpenter finished collar. Cooper made tub. Got water. made Fore stock mate spliced Fore & all hands did nothing. The weather pleasant & hot

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Saturday Nov 2nd Lat 4°28

Light winds from W.S.W. to S. Steering S. Set up some but slush the masts & yards

Sunday Nov 3rd Lat 5°25

In the morning the wind was light but freshened towards noon hauling from W.S.W. to W. Steering W. by S. Set up the remainder of the lower rigging. At 4 P.M. the wind hauled at 4 P.M. to S.W. by W. & W. Tacked and stood W. by S. In the evening the wind fresh & veering to W. Tacked and stood W. by N. In the morning the wind fresh & veering to W.N.W.

Monday Nov 4th Make Bank

Wind light & south. Fine. Passed the S.E. end of Make Bank at 7 A.M. clearing it. Hove & sounded and found 6 & 14 fathoms. Lowered the S.S. Boat to fish out after pulling a long while without finding soundings returned to the Ship with 2 fish that we caught from the Ship. All hands employed Boat gear. Caught 3 or 4 cats in the night. Cleaned & painted the chains & iron work on the outside of the ship. Finished at 6 P.M.

Tuesday Nov 5th

In the forenoon overhauled the spades & grounds. Then put on new handles into same. In the afternoon completed water casks. Lighter Bastion Peak bearing W. 1/2 N. Hove up & range of cable. Got 2 Anchors ship being unable from the lightness of the wind to go in. At noon Bastion Peak N.W. by W. Steering W. by S. Bastion Range N.W. by W. & Mainland point 4 miles to leeward. Sailed for Penang and proceeded

Wednesday Nov 6th

At 3 in the morning Tacked and stood in for the land with the Light House and at 4 P.M. dropped Anchor in 11 fathoms. At 7 P.M. after the Night Officer visited us we cleaned the outside of the ship. Filled 22 casks for water. Filled all but 5 and rolled them down to the beach. Went aboard at 6 P.M.

Thursday Nov 7th

Went ashore at 7 in the morning and filled the remaining casks and towed them off at 9. Finished hoisting in all & stowed them between decks. After taking in the water Went with Mr Lee to Bintang Island for iron pots & some Bamboos. Returned at 2 P.M. Lee Langdon Lynch Burgess Parker Jones Mr Lee and the cook Richter Brown Davis from a misunderstanding about beche de mer. The cook using very insolent language and threatening Mr Lee sent ashore for the mate who came aboard and hooked him into double irons. After which was restored. 5 casks was sent ashore to be filled. Mr Lee & myself pulled the mate ashore again. Wood Langdon Bill Robinson Jones The Capn & Mr Shaw went with a boat & took 6 Malays over to Penang

Friday Nov 8th

Got the rest of the casks aboard & stowed them. Got under way at daylight & at 8 A.M. Pilot left the ship. Set all sail & steered N.W. by W. At 4 P.M. Pilot Island bore S.E. by S. Distant 4 miles. Set the Foresail & Mainsail. Steering N.W. by W. Wind Light & Variable. Set the Topgallantsail & Flying Jib

Thursday Nov 9 1850

Left Pensacola

Sunday Nov 10th

Passed Rock the main yard at 2 in the morning it being a dead calm

Monday Nov 11th

Passed nearly all day. The wind light and variable Broke out for

Tuesday Nov 12th

Light winds & cloudy weather. Sent the [illegible] to the

Wednesday Nov 13th

Pleasant day. Afternoon cloudy but no rain fell in the

Thursday Nov 14th

Light winds & pleasant weather. Steady. Ept. E. At 10 PM lowered the

Friday Nov 15th 52

At 8 the wind freshening SE & and falling to a calm. At night lowered

Saturday Nov 16th

Continued our course to the E & the wind

Sunday Nov 17th

So the morning the weather was fine with moderate breezes from

Monday Nov 18th

The weather continues squally the wind blowing strong from NE & ENE Ept

Tuesday Nov 19th

Strong winds & fine weather. Sent & repaired Rock Tops for four fold

Wednesday Nov 20th

Strong winds from NW & NNW & weather continues pleasant Broke out

Thursday Nov 21st

Finished cooperage the Paint and stowed it at 8 AM The wind

Maldive islan

Ship St Peter Friday Nov 22nd 1850

Bloed forward at 6 A.M steering E.S.E with a moderate breeze from N.N.W
Carred the chains and grafted straps for studdingsail gear Do Got the fore
topsail halliards rack for grafting Do Do making thumb line at the bunt of the day
Tuesday Nov 23d Lat 1° 4' S
Light winds from W. steering E.S.E Sighted the southernmost islands
of the Maldive group at 7 A.M. At noon 45 Islands were in sight
At 3 P.M. altered the course to E by N the wind hauling to W.S.W Continued
course till midnight when we hove to on the starboard tack. Weather hazy
Sunday Nov 24th
Fresh winds from S.W by W & cloudy weather steering Close hauled by E.b.S
Set daylight set courses main & mizen topgallants & jibs Capn Hervey
still indisposed but convalescent At mid noon the wind hauled W.N.W
hauled up the mainsail
Monday Nov 25th
Continued on course to the S the wind still fresh from W Unrove topsail
halliard block & trap made thumb line at the bunt of the day Got the
the weather came on squally between squalls the wind was calm took in light sails
Tuesday Nov 26th
Forenoon cloudy with light winds & hazy Since we left the Seychelles
a number of pilot fish have constantly attended us playing around
the outwater In the afternoon the wind became fresh hauling W.N.W & gave us
hauled S.W. as usual set light sails in the morning & took them in at night
Wednesday Nov 27 Lat 1° 12 S
Light winds and fine weather Continued hauling to S by W close hauled
Filled away to run for the equator to morrow is Thanksgiving day in the States
Commenced grafting a strap for Topsail halliards lower block
Thursday Nov 28th
Old Oceans bosom is still not a breath of air raises a little ripple on
the wide expanse of water and the sun goes down in its heat with
great intensity Grafted T.T.H. strap finished M.T.H. strap all sail set
In the afternoon let up the main braces & backed yards & filled away
at 1 past 2 P.M. light breeze sprang up from S.S.W. stood to the Eastward
In the evening the wind was variable & weather Caught a blue cheek shiner
Friday Nov 29th Lat 4° 10' S
During the night there was a few light squalls took in light sails set them again
Almost a calm with fine weather Set up main braces got rid of the
strap & top gallant studdingsail gear & let up fore topgallant braces
In the afternoon the wind freshened a little from S.S.W.
Saturday Nov 30th
Stove got one Tub of wine allowed him for the last week for sleeping
Light winds & fine weather Tacked at 6 A.M. & stood close hauled S.S.E.
At 1/2 past 6 raised a long whale forward stove and chased nearly
all the forenoon the Captain and boat darted but both were got foul
of her jib and missed him after they broached and blew a few times
but had his weather eye open for the boats and it being useless to chase
returned to the ships at 1/2 past 10 stood again at 1/2 past 2 without success
returned to the ships at 1/2 past 10
Sunday Dec 1st
Wind strong and variable from N.E. westward steering Northward Raised
the long whale at 1/2 P.M. Lowered the boats in chase & the mate struck
fastened. At 1 P.M. took him alongside and commenced cutting in Finished cutting in
at 11 in the evening Although it is Sunday we have had a hard days work
Monday Dec 2nd
Commenced boiling at P.M. During the night took down the stays
but the day was fine with strong and variable winds steering

1856 Thirst 11 Pilot Tuesday Dec 3d Bridge Latin & Pitts Town
In the forenoon had light winds and pleasant weather set all sail but
in the afternoon came on squally Main Took in Topgallantsails. Finishd
boiling at sundown. Hove short by and turns out but little Oil
Boiled upsail topsails at night the wind blowing a light and variable

Wednesday Dec 4th Lat 42 0 S

light and variable winds. Unrigged topsails and Set them Topsail and
fit Cleaned the decks and decks &c Took in topgallantsail at night Set do

Thursday Dec 5th Lat 41°44 S Lon 73°45

A dead calm and fine weather Filled casks during the day Light airs
continued during the day Lowered the Topsails, hauled up courses &c &c

Friday Dec 6th Lat 41°13 S

About 1 in the morning a moderate breeze sprang up from N W by W
During the forenoon it hauled to W W by W stood close hauled S W by W
Set all sail at 6 A.M. weather hazy. In the afternoon the wind veered
Set in the evening hauled aback the main yard Took in light sails &c

Saturday Dec 7th

Strong winds from W by W to W S W till 9 A.M. when we run on soundings
and Tacked standing N by W on sounding found 7 fathoms In the afternoon
come on cloudy and rainy with squalls Split sails and at 5 P.M. furled main

Sunday Dec 8th Lon 73°30 &

In the morning the wind was strong from W by W during the forenoon it fell to almost
a calm weather cloudy with some rain steering N by W at 9 A.M. turned hands out
& Topsails loosed and top gallant sail & mainsail. At 10 it was almost calm and
all sail was clewed down. continued calm till 4 P.M. when a light breeze sprung
up and made sail again Tacked ship at 12 in the night standing close hauled S W

Monday Dec 9th

Calm Took a heave shower at noon keeping that W weather is fine and fair
Filled Casks and the Cook and the Steward Split the pea pump and
clayed some apes and iron &c Stowed some iron between decks under the forehatch
A light breeze springing up from N. N. W towards night Set close hauled

Tuesday Dec 16th Lat 41°15 Lon 71°35 &

Light winds from W S W Steering S W by W Came up with the pilot Stood in
Latitude it and set it up again also fit guys fitting new pieces of rigging rove
the boom In the afternoon the breeze freshened and in the evening the
weather come on squally and continued so during the night

Wednesday Dec 17th Lon 73° 26' &

Variable and unsteady winds with squally weather Stood to the southward
till noon then wore and stood N N E & N E Sounded at 1 P.M.
At 6 took in all but double reefed main topsail and foresail Weather looks bad

Thursday Dec 18th Lat 41°38 S Lon 73°16 &

Pleasant weather and fresh winds from W S W Hauled in close hauled S S W
Sounded all but five and a half fathoms at 6 in the morning Towards
night the weather come on cloudy Took in light sail at sunset

Friday Dec 19th Lon 72°44 &

Moderate breeze and cloudy weather with some rain Stood southward till
noon and then Tacked and stood Northward and Westward as usual the wind
and coasts were variable Made Watch's bank and lowered the larboard boat
for fishing The boat returned at 8 P.M. past 5 with a few fish Saw a sail astern of us
hauling down Took in all sail but double reefed topsails jib & spanker and lay to

Saturday Dec 14th

Light & variable winds staying southward with all sail set Light but
at daybreak about 3 miles to windward there is a ray extending 15 miles in
length running N & S At 5 P.M. parted with the Barque Hannah of
Ten Belfast Cape Henlopen N W 12 miles

1850 Ship St Peter Sunday Dec 15th of Salomans Is
Steering all points of compass with a light and very variable wind
and a fine drizzling rain which lasted nearly all day The Barometer
is to windward and leewards ahead and astern as the wind shifts about 4
miles off At 6 PM took in all sail but double reefed topsails foresail & jib

Monday Dec 16th Lat 5°47' S

Helped make 2 sister blocks and rivit them for Mr Lee
Moderate breezes from W.S.W steering S. Weather cloudy At 6 PM took in all
but double reefed topsails foresail jib and spanker Wind at Sset & Port

Tuesday Dec 17th Lat 6°43' S

Squally with unsteady winds from W.S.W steering S by W Towards evening
there was a dead calm Lowered the topsails by the caps and let them hang

Wednesday Dec 18th Lat 7°14' S

In the morning the wind was light from N steering W.N.W till 7 then
altered the course to S.W by W Sighted land at daylight and made
sail setting all but fore and mizen topgallant sails Took in sail at night
sail setting all but fore and mizen topgallant sails

1850

Thursday Dec 19th Lat 7°34' S

Forenoon pleasant with light winds steering N.W till 10 A.M. then altered
to W.N.W Raised whales at a quarter before 12 Lowered at ½ past 12
and chased till sunset without success About 4 PM took a very powerful
shower of rain Took in light sail at sunset

Friday Dec 20th Lat 7°31' S

Wind was unsteady from the Eastward with hard squalls Let all sail in the
morning but took in light sails at noon again At 4 PM lowered the topsails by
the caps it being a dead calm

Saturday Dec 21st Lat 7°9' S on 79°E

Set all sail but mizen topgallantsail at 6 AM with light winds from E.S.E
steering N.N.E At noon it came on a dead calm. Lowered down topsails
At 5 Evening it was showery, double reefed. A breeze sprung up at 7 Evening

Sunday Dec 22nd Lat 7°35' S

In the morning the wind was very light but at 6 took a heavy shower after
that the wind arose to a stiff breeze from S.S.E steering S. by W. A small
water spout passed to the westward at the same time making quite a rush
Tacked at noon Standing N.E & took in sail at night as usual

Monday Dec 23rd Lat 7°07' S

Shook the reefs out of the fore & main topsails at sunrise but the weather
coming on squally double reefed them again at 9 A.M. The weather continued
unpleasant during the day wind blowing fresh from E.S.E steering close hauled
N.E At 6 P.M. furled all but double reefed main topsail and foresail
At 5 saw whales sporting on the larboard bow At 11 ½ past 6 but saw no more

Tuesday Dec 24th Lat 7°22' S

Set double reefed topsails at 6 A.M. The wind hauled from E.N.E to North
blowing fresh with squalls of rain steering close hauled on the larboard tack
At night took in sail as last night Christmas eve raining with a half a gale of wind

Wednesday Dec 25th

Christmas Blowing a half a gale of wind from the Northward accompanied
heavy showers of rain steering W till 11 A.M. then tacked and stood eastward
May there Christmas is past with its joys and sorrows and no tidings from home
At 6 took in all but double reefed main topsail and foresail

Thursday Dec 26th Lat 7°49' S

Moderate breezes from N.N.E steering E.S.E by S Weather cloudy with a few
showers Set all but fore and mizen topgallantsails at 6 A.M The old man
rigged a circular saw to day and is sawing bone at a great rate
At night lay the ship under double reefed main topsail

Friday Dec 27th Lat 7°21' S

Fresh breezes and pleasant weather steering close hauled N.N.E on the
larboard tack At 8 P.M. furled all sail except the main topsail At 9 saw
numbers of finbacks

Ship St Peter Saturday Dec 28th

Moderate breezes and pleasant weather Steering Northward under all sail but fore top, Mainsail. Stowed down sail in the fore hold. Finished at 11 A.M. and cleaned the decks. Double reefed topsails at 6 1-2 P.M and furled main

Sunday Dec 29th Lat 5°51'S

Moderate and variable winds Steering Nord and Ewld under all sail

Monday Dec 30th

The weather continues pleasant with fine breezes steering Eastward Hauled down main and fore rigging &c Cooper repaired casks. Towards evening the sky became overcast with dark clouds which threatned rain but they passed of in a few hours and the weather became pleasant Double reefed at the evening saw a sail about 12 mile to the other of us

Tuesday Dec 31st 1850. Lat 5°33'S

Light winds and pleasant weather during the day Steering North East the wind being variable Hauled down the Driver rigging & Main topmast stay Took in light sails at 6 P.M. Time has not yet forgotten how to fly and another year is past with hopes joys and sorrows & the Ocean is still our home

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Wednesday Jan 1st Lat 5°38'S

So dead calm 7/6 A.M. lowered the topsails and fastened the wheel amidships in the morning Started the main topgallant stay The crew are about various duties such as plaiting sennit staffing sheets making signal halliards &c &c On the Eastern horizon at 8 A.M. Tacked & stood Sweet them with sennet and the Captain then also sent down the main topsail sheets and sheeted them again The calm continued during the day

Thursday Jan 2nd

Moderate airs of variable winds with rain at 8 P.M. steering S.E. & E. the main braces and fore topsail sheets and the topsails at 6 P.M. steering S.E. by E.

Friday Jan 3rd Lat 7°8' sighted Eagles and the three Islands

with a good breeze from N.W. steering S under foresail fore & main topsail & main topgallantsail Towards night the weather became pleasant Double reefed

Saturday Jan 4th Lat 6°39'S sighted Land

Fine weather and pleasant Passed Adieu Island at 6 1-2 A.M. & lowered at 7 1-2 and the starboard boat fastened about 9 Took him alongside and began cutting it at 11 finished at 6 P.M. & hailed the ship. Started the works at 8 in the Evening Made Eagle Island Barque Mariah and to windward she lowered her boats but without success

Sunday Jan 5th Lat 6°7'S

Light winds and pleasant weather Continued boiling. Was steering S.W. by W.

Monday Jan 6th Lat 7°16'S

Fresh winds and a few light showers Finished boiling at 8 A.M. Saw breakers on the bowsprit. Made all sail but left off at 1 P.M. steering S.W. & W. with wind variable

Tuesday Jan 7th Lat 5°21'S

Rainy with variable and unsteady winds steering the Course. Took out the last of the 75th in the after hold. At 7 P.M. saw a sail off the weather beam steering as we

Wednesday Jan 8 Lat 6°45'S

Fresh winds and cloudy weather In the morning steered several courses viz E.S.E. & N.E. & N.E. & E. & E.S.E. till 10 A.M. came to a steady course due N.E. & E. running 2 points free on the starboard tack At 10 A.M. the Skipper of the Barque Mariah came aboard and a gam was kept up during the day There is almost 70 tons out and only about 60 bbls of oil Came to the wind at 7 P.M. and backed the main topsail

Thursday Jan. 9th Lat 6°21'S

Braced forward at sunrise standing West on the starboard tack Eleven Sail in sight At 1/4 past 6 wore round to E. Sighted Ranger & Eagle Is at 7 A.M. right ahead kept off to S.S.W. at 1/4 past 7 and at 1/4 past 10 made Eagle Island and came to the wind on the starboard tack steering West. Took up the cutting falls and repaired them. Rigged a new runner to the fore topsail halliards Moored at night as usual

Friday Jan 10th

Light winds and rainy weather Ranger & Eagle Is are just to leeward and the wind is not strong enough for us to withstand the current so we are drifting directly on shore Tacked ship several times during the day Stood under double reefed topsails and foresail all day Light breezes

Saturday Jan 11th

Rainy with unsteady winds from 8 till 10 A.M. off before the wind steering E.S.E. then hauled on the wind steering S by W under double reefed topsails & foresail

Sunday Jan 12th

In the morning the weather was quite pleasant and the wind was moderate from W but about 1/4 past 9 it came on squally and the wind variable till 2 P.M. when it stopped raining. Steered Southward and Westward

To day the Capin sent forward some Dayspring a very welcome visitor

Monday Jan 13th

Squally with variable and unsteady winds steering Northward. Raised a lone whale at 1/4 past 8 A.M. Lowered the boats about 1/4 past 9. Soon after we lowered a heavy squall struck us & we saw no more of him Returned at 2 P.M. [illegible]

Ship St Peter Tuesday Jan 14th 1851 Lat 8 06 S

The forenoon was squally with strong breezes from N.W. steering N by E Overhauled the sail soom and dried the lines &c Afternoon pleasant

Wednesday Jan 15th Lat 8 7 S

Weather squally mixed variable and unsteady Stowed down 60 bbl of Oil in the fore hold At 6 P.M took in all but double reefed main topsail and foresail Steered North east and westward under 2 reefs

Thursday Jan 16th

In the morning had light showers and moderate breezes from the S.S.W. P.M. but about 10 A the weather came on squally and the wind very vari able. In the afternoon it rained powerfully till night. At 12 P.M laid the under double reefed main topsail and locked the wheel

Friday Jan 17th

Moderate winds from W.S.W steering N till noon when we were obliged to S At 1 P.M it began to rain and rained without intermision till 6 when we took in sail as last night The Moon was eclipsed in the evening

Saturday Jan 18th

In the morning set the courses fore and main Topsails fib & spanker having fresh winds and frequent squalls At ½ past 8 A M furled the mainsail and at 10 double reefed topsails. Rained till the afternoon

Sunday Jan 19th

Moderate winds and pleasant weather steering N E at 6 A.M. loosed all but main topsail and topgallant sail. Pulled one of the larboard fore shrouds at 5 A.M. lowered topsails at 6 P.M. and let her lay

Monday Jan 20th Lat 7.38 S

Almost a calm steering N.E. with a very light breese from S. Sent down the two after larboard fore shrouds and bent new ones. Come up with the fore stay and commenced repairing it in the Eye Took out 3 pin to splices in the evening and put it by for the voyage

Tuesday Jan 21st Lat 7.40 S Lon 26.24 E

Light winds from W steering N E. In the morning had a few light showers but the remainder of the day pleasant Come up with the main topmast stay. turned it in anew and set it up again Finished the fore stay & rattled down larboard fore rigging also came up with main top gallant & mizen top mast stays. Hoisted and set them up again lowered topsails at sunset holding the course N E.

Wednesday Jan 22nd Lat 7.20 S

Pleasant weather and very light winds from S steering N E Worked in the rigging most of the day repairing lifts & stays &c At 6 P.M. took a light shower after which there was a dead calm lowered the sa

Thursday Jan 23d Lat 7.11 S

Light winds and showers set all sail but courses Saw the Maria in the morning and at 2 she crossed our stern and spoke us Capt Nicker went aboard and spent the afternoon and evening Bought some rice 123 lbs giving of her and paid them in bread At night took in topgallant sails and lowered topsails Moore master Abbot 1st officer Allen 2nd do

Friday Jan 24th Lat 7.02 S

The wind continues calm and weather pleasant and very hot all sail set but courses At 6 P.M furled topgallantsails and lowered topsails

Saturday Jan 25th Lat 7.20 S

Calm till 9 A.M when a light breese is springing up. Made sail as going At breakfast half of us were overboard swimming till sail was made Towards night it came on calm again Furled the light sails and lowered topsails The Maria about 6 miles to leeward the lowered her boat

Sunday Jan 26th Lat 7.01 S

Had a light breeze in the morning but it soon died away and was little the calm till sail set but courses Half of us were overboard again to day

Ship At Sea Monday Jan 27th 1851 Lat 6.37 S

Light, variable and unsteady winds and cloudy weather accompanied by a few light showers enabled the ships in the afternoon to fill away the main sail and set a few light jobs aside. The boats upset at 5 P.M. came back to the vessel docked and set topsails furled mainsail &c leave for homeward

Tuesday Jan 28th Lat 7.03 S

Fine winds from S.E. & Steering N.E. Took a pair of boats in tow at noon furled down some in the main and mizen rigging &c &c Took in light sail at sunset. Fine weather to beat to windward

Wednesday Jan 29th Lat 6.51 S

A good breeze from Eastward Standing Southward Steering North and East under all sail at 10 P.M. the man left among us sailed for the afternoon employed with the boats &c at 1 P.M. saw a sail to the Eastward at 5 P.M. spoke her she has now about 60 bbls

Thursday Jan 30th Lat 7.39 S

Moderate breeze and pleasant Standing Northward Steering North & East till 9 A.M. then backed about N.W. till 12 M. employed the boats for blackfish and succeeded in taking 2 small ones Starboard boat & Waist boat. Call sail in watch

Friday Jan 31st Lat 6.57 S

Light winds and pleasant Latter standing E. & by S. Employed for the day and part of the night in the mizen topsail yard Latter Middle At sunset took in light sail and hauled up the mainsail &c

Saturday February 1st 1851 At Chase Ship's Co

Set all sail at sunrise Steering NE & N with a moderate breeze fine and pleasant weather Employed in the mizen topsail yard and fly jib gaff &c

Sunday Feb 2nd Lat 7.35

Light winds and pleasant weather Steering N.E. & N. At 1 P.M. saw the land bearing N.E. & E. distant 8 or 9 leagues. At 6 P.M. Hove to off the Island Mauritius

Monday Feb 3rd Lat &c

Light and variable winds from the Eastward Middle & Northward Weather continues pleasant Sent down the fore topsail yard to the mizen topsail yard and repaired it and fitted it up with a main royal besides doing several light jobs such as a few Gaskins and a few Lizzy &c

Tuesday Feb 4th Lat 6.58

Pleasant weather with light and variable winds Steering N.N.E. Easterly

Wednesday Feb 5th

In the morning the wind was Light and variable from Northward & Eastwards when it fell a light breeze Steering to S.E. Hailed Cape de One of the Chagos Archipelago at 6 A.M. Cocos S.E. At noon was off the Island about 4 miles Sent the Cutters & Yawl to go ashore for fish &c The Boats returned at 6 P.M. with a quantity of fish but could not go ashore on account of a heavy surf. They caught some of the most beautiful fish that I ever saw. At 6 altered the course to N by W light winds from

Thursday Feb 6th

Squally with variable and unsteady winds till 1 P.M. when the weather became pleasant and the wind Steady Steering N by W. There is general making of fish lines and hooks among the officers and gentry &c

Friday Feb 7th Lat 5.13 S

Light winds from S.E. & Steering N.W. & N. till 11 A.M. when we took a violent shower and the wind hauled to N. Steering close hauled S.W. & W. In the afternoon it was on a dead calm fish hook making by making &c

Saturday Feb 8th

A dead calm. After breakfast several of us went in the boat and had been over about a mile and a half at my first

Mauritius

Seychelle Ground

Ship St Peter Monday April 1st 1836 on the Seychelle grou
Light wind sprang up in the forenoon from So So E course East Light Thu
Afternoon wind light and changeable Weather clear and pleasant Lat 4 Cou

Tuesday Apl 2nd

In the morning had a gentle breeze from So E. Towards noon had a shower
wind hauled to E by So steering N E by N Lat 3°20'. Afternoon calm

Wednesday Apl 3

The usual Light and Weather pleasant Spoke the Ship Phenix
of New London 4 years out with 150 bbls spent the afternoon aboard of
her. She had the Officers and 3 of the crew of the Barque George
Potter of Fairhaven with 750 barrels of Oil from her She was wrecked on a reef
near Bird Island while her Boats were ashore Turtling So did not care
In the afternoon we sighted Islands of the Seychelle Group

Dennis Island

Thursday Apl 4th

A light wind from SE steering E by N Weather very hot and sultry
Sighted Dennys Island from the Masthead early in the morning bearing
N by East. At one P.M the tops of the Cocoanut trees could be seen from
the deck The first one that could be seen looked like a large ship
in the distance Then another and another made its appearance and in a
short time it looked like a large grove growing from the surface of
the Ocean An hour a light wind had sprung up so we were able
to see the low sandy Beach from Deck At 4 PM we were about 4 Mls from
shore Lowered away Larboard Boat for the purpose of getting Turtles
At 6 PM a hard Squall struck us accompanied with a heavy shower of
Rain Clewed down Topgallant Sails Double Reefed Fore and Mizen topsails
It continued to rain by spells till Midnight Lat 4°29"

Dennis or Dennys Island

Friday Apl 5th

In the morning there was light showers of Rain and a strong current
setting in shore at the rate of 3 miles per hour accompanied with a heavy
swell and we were obliged to carry all Sail to keep us off Shore
Lowered away Waist Boat Blackfishing before Breakfast but without
any luck. The Boat returned from Shore at 8 o'clock with 1 Turtle 4 Hogs
and some Hens. They informed us we could get as many Hogs and Turtle as we
required in a little time. Lowered away Starboard Boat and together with
Larboard Boat pulled ashore again. We landed on the most beautiful beach
that I ever saw. Forming a small bay and the sand on it was white as snow
The Island except where we landed is surrounded by a Reef of Rocks over
which the Surf beats with great fury. On landing we found the Interior covered
with an underbrush of about 5 feet in height which is principally of the Sea
Island Cotton bush that grows spontaneously all over it. This and other low Shrubs
form a thick underbrush which makes it almost impossible to walk over it
A few Cocoa Nut and Pine apples is the only fruit that grows on it
The Island has been inhabited but now it is entirely depopulated

The Island was occasionally had people on it
" from the adjacent Islands who came there to stay
awhile and go back again and alternately stay
here and on one or another of the Seychelle groups

Ship St Peter Saturday Apl 6th 1850

Left Papeete from E to E Sunday Noon Sch of Blackbirds

Sunday Apl 7th

A fresh Wind from So So E Standing E Jacked Ship and stood South In the Afternoon it came on cloudy The wind fresh on variable Hove to Took in Topgallant Sails and Main Sail. Lowered for a Whale but Missed Her

Monday Apl 8th

Hove to most part of the day In the Morning double reefed Main Top-Sail and close reefed Fore but because it blew but because it was rainy and did not wish to stand along. The Wind variable from the West to South

Tuesday Apl 9th Lat 7° 3'

The weather pleasant with a fresh Wind from So by E on the course E by E East Saw a Sail Low Towards Night the weather became Cloudy. Today rigged a Boarding and the Cutter & Boats Lowered Struck a Whale. Made a Stop for the Night

Wednesday Apl 10th Lat 7° 1'

At the Beginning this was a Pull in after Whale Lost! Black and heavy but Struck and killed one Lowered Noon Royal Mast a sail Lowered away Struck a Sperm at 3 P.M. Struck Lowered away and pulled Lost to windward till Sundown. Returned to the Ship minus 6 boats

Thursday Apl 11th

Light winds from the Southward standing W by So. Commenced fitting Casks Blacksmithing &c &c

Friday Apl 12th

Raised a school of Whales at 8 o'clock Lowered away and succeeded in taking Whale one The Starboard Boat struck first and got Home pulled Mate Harpooning on top of Their Cutter Cut him in and commenced Cutting in at Sundown

Saturday 13th

Saw Whales break this morning Lowered away about 8 o'clock Small Cow Whales Spoke The Barque Bruce of Fairhaven 60 days out 2 Sperm 600 bbls Comfortable Wind & Fine Weather

Sunday 14th

Light wind from So So East Tried out Oil in the Evening hoisted in Boats Pulled Lowered West & Starboard Boat The Starboard Boat struck a small Cow but the Line drawed and they lost him. Capn & Mate had a jaw about the Mens steering Course

Monday Apl 15th 1850

The Weather very pleasant. Light winds from the Southward. We are now Cruising among the Seychelle Islands & get in sight nearly every Day some Days from 6 to 8 Islands can be seen at a time the Current is very strong setting Eastward. We have to keep all sail Day & Night to keep our ground. When the Wind is light we have a Strong

Tuesday Apl 16th

In the Morning there was light showers of rain. Made Mahe about 20 Miles distant bearing N.W. & Sun bright from 10 to 12 Mast standing & Jacked Ship and Hauled In the Afternoon the Wind was variable Blended with Squalls of Wind and Rain. The Weather as might be expected near the Coast was very warm and sultry especially when it is calm. When there is no Wind the Decks are so hot that it is almost impossible to go along it with bare Feet. We have now taken about 250 bbls of Oil from 8 Whales. No one has been hurt. The Boats have been stove several times It has also been a Healthy time but 3 of us have been sick at one time Carter Lake Ferguson & Gray Carter & Gray Gunderson Edwards and Lake are now quite well Ferguson has been sick but recovering fast. The Natives so far received good treatment from the Officers & Crew Punishment has been carried on except now and then a bucket of Water which I have got but one up that way & the last I have Cut this is the first and it will be the last in the Stewards case

1857

Ship St Peter Sunday Feb 1st Lat 5,13 S Chgos Archipelago
light winds from N.N.W Steering E.S.E Weather pleasant Towards night
Steered the course to E Sighted Peros Banhos Is a little before 6 P.M.

Monday Feb 10th Peros Banhos

At daylight we were off the islands called the three brothers and at 7 A.M
lowered the starboard boat to go ashore and trade taking with us 2
lbs tobacco and a few peices of cloth. After pulling around several reefs
we arrived safe and sound about 11 o'clock at the City which consists
of 43 houses a blacksmiths shop coopers shop some half a dozen store
houses an oil house and 2 mills for grinding Cocoa nuts from which
it is made in considerable quantities. The island is owned by a com-
pany and the inhabitants some 250 in number are all engaged in
making cocoa nut oil. The cocoa nut is almost the only tree that grows
on the different islands which are about 20 in number. The inhabi-
tants are creoles speaking the french language and are in a state but little above
slavery. There are 2 superintendents or agents from the Mauritius who
own the work and find the natives in clothes and liquor
for which trade in oil. All their wages being supplied by the company
they never get a penny. A few cocoa nuts that some of the boys got
traded at 5 P.M. We then during the day were visited by several canoes
the cloudy weather. At 6 made sail steering N.E with a fresh wind

Tuesday Feb 11th

Variable and unsteady winds with squalls steering N.E Towards night
There came on a dead calm lowered the topsails & took in light sail

Wednesday Feb 12th

In a dead calm Sent down the foresail and repaired it. Bent it
again at 4 P.M. At noon caught a large and beautiful fish called Bonetta

Thursday Feb 13th

Light variable winds, steering, from 4 different courses viz. E. S.E &
N.E. N.E & going free. Set the main topsail, and middle studdingsail
and bent it again at 4 P.M. In the evening there came on a drizzling rain

Friday Feb 14th

Strong winds from N.W steering E. S.E at 7 A.M the weather being dirty and
lying double reefed fore and main topsail and foulded mizen topsail
The weather continued dirty during the day

Saturday Feb 15th

The weather continues cloudy with frequent squalls. The wind is variable
but unsteady from the Northward steering Eastward At the afternoon
lifted one of the logs we got at the Three Brothers Continued under double
reefed fore and main topsails during the day & at night the weather comeing fine

Sunday Feb 16th at 3.30 A

Fine weather and light variable winds steering S.E. under main & fore
& main reefed topsail and jib towards night lower studdingsail
Squalls accompanied with thunder and lightning Took in light sail
double reefed topsails expecting hard squalls but in the morning the
broke away and we had very little rain. The wind continued light

Monday Feb 17th Lat 7.01 South

Light breezes from S.W & W steering N.E & N on the wind first tack
the main topgallant sail and bent a new one. Squalls accompanied with
rain going on the old man is rigging a studdingsail boom to set
to the mizen topsail and topgallant sail and bent sails & topsails

Tuesday Feb 18th at 1.30 P

Light winds from N.N.W steering N.E Towards night squalls accompanied
with heavy rain Hauled down the studdingsail boom & bent it again. Hauled
Set down the mizen topsail to mend. Reefed it again handing the

Wednesday Feb 19th

Light winds & squalls Finished the mizen topsail

Left N. Castle Thursday Feb 20th from Bills Banks to Steer
Light winds and hard squalls steering westerly A Barque passed
us N.N.E. standing E with royals and fore topmast and main topgals
and tryal sheets set She was supposed to be English Set no colors
Finished the larboard watch and made several tackings. At sunset
Lost in all but Handed reefed main topsail and foresail.

Friday Feb 21st

Strong breezes from W.N.W. Hauled taut and tried main top
Saturday Feb 22d Lat 2.2 s. Lon [illegible]
Hove and continued steering for the N.N.W. steering W. Shaped a track to
pass to the eastward of the Isle Sandy Banks having made rather bad work
taking only 26 bbls pork & beef and are getting rather short. Filled
the casks up that we got at the three Brothers "Fresh tomorrow." "Hove to

Sunday Feb 23d Lat. 3.14 s. Lon. 7.36 E.

At the mizen set up fid, & fore jib boom and fore topgallant mast.
At the standing rigging Carried away the main topsail sheet
Unbent and bent fid the main topsail set main topsail & steering W by N. blowing fresh

Monday Feb 24th Lat 4.24 s

Strong breezes & steering close hauled W. Sent down the fore
topgallant sail and repaired it and sent it again at 8 A.M. Set it
Sent down the mizen topgallantsail and mended it. Sent it at 4 P.M.

Tuesday Feb 25th Lat 6.33 s

Wind is more to the S. from N.W steering W.S.W. under all sail
set fore topgallantsail. Spliced in new piece of rigging to the mizen
topsail braces and fore topsail halliards &c Weather continues fine

Wednesday Feb 26 Lat 6.06 s

Strong winds with a fine light sheet steering S.W. & cleared the
larboard fore chain and sent down a cask of pork. At sunset took in
light sail and hauled up courses luffing to the wind. Hauled aback

Thursday Feb 27th Lat 7.44 s

Fine breezes from N.N.W. braced forward at sunrise steering S.
topsails aforesail. Sighted Ice Island at 6 A.M. bearing S.E. by
the last point of land at 11-1/2 and come to the wind steering W by

Friday Feb 28th

Strong winds from N.W by N steering W by S under all sail but fore topgallt
In the afternoon the weather came on squally took in topgallantsails
At sunset double reefed fore and aft and hauled up main course
At 8 in the evening it came on to blow hard with heavy squalls
accompanied with a great deal of very sharp lightning but no thunder
Furled the mainsail mizen topsail and jib & hauled up the foresail

Saturday March 1st 1845 Lat 9.25 s

Cloudy weather and unsteady winds from W by N steering S by W
Hove new fore and main tacks. At night double reefed and backed

Sunday March 2nd Lat 9.08

Light winds and pleasant weather steering close hauled S.E. by S
on the larboard tack with all sail set

Monday March 3d

Light winds and pleasant weather steering S.W. Came up with
the larboard main shrouds and turned them in anew and set them
up again put on seizings sheer poles &c

Ship St Peter Tuesday Mch 4th Blockaded by bergs
Wet and rainy with variable and unsteady winds steering westward
Wednesday Mch 5th Lat 62.23 S
Squally with variable and unsteady winds steering Westward So day are obliged to bake our bread over A cask taken out yesterday is very mouldy Towards night the wind became steady and blew fresh. Took in main topsail

Thursday March 6th

The wind during the night was very strong and variable with heavy squalls accompanied with considerable thunder and lightning. A little before daybreak the jib was carried away and tore all to peices At daylight double reefed fore and main and furled mizen topsail and mainsail It continued to rain till noon and the wind blew very strong all day Put new gaskets on the main topgallantsail

Friday Mch 7th Lat 8,13 S Lon 68,58 E

Fresh winds from S'W course W by N The weather cloudy with a few squalls Set all sail at sunrise at 6 A.M took a sharp squall and was obliged to take in fore and mizen topgallantsails furled fore topsail

Saturday Mch 8th

Fresh winds and squalls steering westerly Broke out for sails and took out a spanker At noon it came on to blow so fresh that we were obliged to reef double reef fore and main and furl mizen topsails. The mainsail was nearly torn to peices Furled the peices &c

Sunday Mch 9th Lat 9,39 S

Loosed all sail but mizen topgallantsail at Sunrise Lat at 8 A.M. it commenced blowing hard with severe squalls Double reefed topsails fore and aft. At noon the weather became pleasant Turned steps out of topsails and loosed fore and main topgallantsails Loosed the mainsail and let it dry and sent it down at 3 P.M. Mch 10th

Monday Mch 10th

The wind was light from W.N.W till 10 A.M when it chopped around to S.W. Tacked and stood W.S.W close hauled. All hands employed making the mainsail with the old spanker which we sent down this morning and set a new one Finished the sail at 6 P.M and bent it

Tuesday Mch 11th

Light and rather variable winds from the south and steering Westward Sent down the fore topsail at daylight and repaired it Sent it up at 3 P.M and sent down mizen topgallantsail. Repaired it and sent it at 6 P.M.

Wednesday Mch 12.

Moderate winds from W.S.W steering N.W. Set up the starboard main and main topmast backstays In the afternoon the wind blew fresh with squalls took in flying jib and mizen topgallantsail No day we begin to eat Pilot bread 3 times per week

Thursday Mch 13th

In the morning the wind was variable Backed Twice between 6 & 7 A.M. at last the wind blew steady from W.S.W steering S.W for Cape de Verde Stopped out the main topmast backstays and main Set up the starboard main and main swifter and shrouds The weather very pleasant

Friday Mch 14th

Fresh and variable winds steering Southward and Westward Finished setting up main rigging and rattled down same &c Employed trying to get to Cape de Verde banks but the wind is ahead Hove the lead very frequently Tacked 3 times before 7 o'clock P.M.

Ship Sl Peter Saturday March 15th 1851

In the morning the wind was strong and variable from the Westward It commenced raining at 6 and rained powerfully till 10 when it fell to a calm which lasted till noon The wind was light and was so the remainder of the day In the evening it came on squally again took in t

Sunday March 16th Lat 8.06 S

At 1 in the morning it commenced blowing ~~heavier~~ hard. Hove up and furled main topgallantsail Iron fell from the boy's arm but caught main topsail brace and brought it to mizen top without injury At 5 the wind increased; double reefed the maintopsail furled the mainsail mizen topsail and jib. Hove up the fore topsail but set it double reefed at daybreak At 8 AM the wind lulled Turned hands out main topsail set double reefed mizen topsail single do fore topsail mainsail and jib steering close hauled At 10 the wind so moderated to shake reefs out, the day made more sail

Monday 17th Lat ~~1.35~~ 0 Cor 2.54 S

Light winds and pleasant weather; set all sail at daybreak Spliced the larboard fore topmast backstay, repaired the foresail to the main topsail yard &c &c Saw several pairs of Saya de Malha boo

Tuesday March 18th Lat 10.04 S

The weather showery with unsteady winds West on the banks at noon in 11 fathoms water. Lowered the larboard and waist boat and caught good pail of fish In the afternoon the wind hauled fresh from W.

Wednesday March 19th Lat 10.34 S

Fresh winds from the Westward. At 1 PM Tacked ship and stood to the Northward at 4 PM Tacked and stood to the Southward saw a ship off the lee quarter at 10 AM. In the morning the weather came on squally took in fore & mizen topgallant

Thursday March 20th

Morning squally with strong breezes from W.N.W steering SW by S. Mizen Topsail blew to rags at 6 AM the wind lulled and turned the out of fore and main topsails again The weather continued pleasa till 6 PM when it came on to fresh quite hard with squalls; took in mainsail mizen topsail spanker & jib. At 10 evening took in fore topsa

Friday March 21st

This is a horrible fine day as the Irishman said. when we turned out at daylight the wind had hauled to S and it became thick and lightened most beautifully. It continued to rain most of the forenoon. The wind was light and gradually hauling to. westward. Set topsails and topgallantsails on the fore and main mast jib &c at 11 In the afternoon The wind got round from W.N.W steering SW Eased at 6 PM

Saturday March 22nd Lat 11.06 S

Pleasant weather and fresh winds steering close hauled SW under courses topsails jib & spanker. At 8 the wind hauled to W by S tacked and stood N by W the wind coming to W by N

Sunday March 23d Lat 10.27 S

Strong gales from W.S.W steering N.W. At 6 A.M. set fore and main topgallantsails. The weather is very pleasant To day is spent like every other sunday in eating and sleeping. angly words and a deal of shaving &c Interesting and instructive books are seldom found in the hands and a perusal of the sacred pages of the Bible is beneath their notice altogether but the slate and pencil are in great demand for drawing ships obscene pictures &c &c Took in fore topgallantsail at 8 PM

Monday March 24th

The weather continues fine with fresh winds from W.S.W Tacked at 2 A.M. and stood close hauled. N. The mate began a coat for the foremast and it needs one very much. every time it rains over it is covered with water in the

Ship St Peter Tuesday March 25th Laysde Manila
Moderate breezes from W steering S. We are now in a place where heavy tide rips follow each other in quick succession making a loud rushing sound which can be heard a considerable distance
A system of gambling has been carried on for several weeks which commenced in raffling for clothes and has resulted in playing for tobacco and more disputes and jaws arise than is comfortable They late not fight for fear of a flogging but jawing and swearing prevail

Wednesday March 26th

light winds and fine weather steering Nothing. Raised a sail at 8 6m Tacked at 10 and brought the sail 3 points on the weather bow. At ½ past 10 he ran off and we hauled up the mainsail and backed the main topsail On coming down we was a little surprised at her being the Wm Lee. Captain Hoag went aboard. She is 30 months out and is about starting for home She has aboard 1300 bbls all told. Sent a letter home by Fowler

Thursday March 27th

Set all sail at 6 A.M. Steering NW with a moderate breeze. Hailed second mate from whom exchanged papers The weather continues fine The Wm Lee is on our lee quarter standing the same way we are

Friday March 28th

Fine weather and light winds steering W by N. hoisted a school of whales at 6 A.M. The first time we saw of them was a cry that got last from the school and were flying around like a swarm in a strange garret Lowered away at 7 and the waist boat fastened to a 20 bbl bull and turned him up. The rest were gallyed by the ships so we struck no more. Cut in and began to mince at 4 P.M. The Wm Lee hove in sight again at 1 astern

Saturday March 29th

Light breezes Steering W by N Began rolling at 8 in the morning and finished at 8 in the Evening. The Lee hove in sight again at noon

Sunday March 30th

In the morning the breeze was very light steering westerly at 1 it came on a dead calm Lowered light sails At 2 P.M. a light breeze sprang up hoisted up the sails and ran off to the Wm Lee Captain Lee came aboard at 5 P.M and stayed till late in the evening

Monday March 31st Lat 8.08 S Lon 59.05 E

Light winds from S.S.E. steering W. by W. Took in the flying jib. Mended the foresail at 8 A.M. Caught a very large dolphin. Cap'n Lagrone aboard at ½ past 11 and stayed a few moments. After he went aboard he tacked and stood to During the afternoon the wind freshened a little, altered the course to W by W

Tuesday April 1st 1851 Lat 8.25 S Lon 56.10 E

Moderate breezes from S.E. steering N by W. Caught a Porpoise some aboard in the morning Roasted on dolphin at breakfast. All the officers are making gaffs and other whaling gear as if great business was to be done in that line At noon altered the course to NW by N and at 4 P.M. to N N W

Wednesday April 2nd Lat 6.57 S

All hands are busily engaged in painting ship not much work on deck Rove new top tackles to the main topsail Saw considerable whales about 8 A.M. lowered a boat but did not see any of it The weather fine and moderate light breeze from the southward steering N.N.W at 1 W. Lat at 4 P.M. There was 20 fathoms of sinnet in the piece that Agent and me sewed

Thursday April 3d

Took in the cutting falls and stripped them put on new service and covered them again The usual watches are still carried on The wind light breezes continued variable Lee. P. N. W. [illegible] the forenoon watch [illegible] Lee [illegible] Lee [illegible] Lee

Ship St Peter Friday April 4th 1851 Lat
Ship Divine sighted. Noka and a few other islands bearing at
S.S.E. distant nearly 2 leagues The wind shifted during the
to S.S.E. at 8 in the morning put sail on the larboard tack and
stood close hauled. Sat by & Prepaired the other Cutting fall
Turned in at 12 and hauled aft the main sheet & Fore sheet

Saturday Apl 5th Lat 1.14 S
The weather is very hot and sultry. The wind continues light
Steering E course. At N.E. & During the night the current set us con
to the N.W. and at 12 we were on the same spot as at 12 A.M. Lowered
larboard boat to catch fish and caught a dozen large and small com
Saw a sail at 8 past 7 A.M. as we got aboard a fresh breeze sprang up but
sunset it fell to a dead calm It is about the change of the monsoon

Sunday Apl 6th Lat 1.23 S
Just after I my 4th watching the mate turned out and found we were
about within half a league of the land. "Like master like man" He watch
to and began to fish. Boy pulled till breakfast time, but while at breakfast
we drifted into deep water and was obliged to stop. When I turned
at 6 it was a perfect calm there was not even a cats paw on the
A white sand bottom as far as the eye could reach appeared and many
fish of different kinds could be seen besides. The water was fairly black
with sharks. At 11 a light wind sprang up from S.E. & P.E. come to on the starb
tack steering about East. At 1 P.M. it was nigh the wind hauled into the So
Eastward & we were N.E. till sunset took in the Lt sail. At 10 the wind was

Monday April 7th
At 5 in the morning laid the main yard aback but at sunrise braced
forward again standing N.E. Saw Flocks of birds to the westward at 7 A.M. put
Ran towards for them and chased them till 10 A.M. without success. At
little before sunset P. Mate raised a school of sperm whales. did not come

Tuesday April 8th
Light variable. At 8 A.M. the Old man went down in the waist boat for
whales; he was not down more than an hour when Mr Ryder raised whales
the cry immediately set as a signal and the old man was back to
be alongside in a jiffy. About 1/2 past 9 the whales were 3 miles to windward. Low
as if pulled for them ~~the whales~~ it being a perfect calm and sailing was out
of the question. The weather was intensely hot and the sun poured down his
rays as if it was shining for a wager. The whales were going rather fast and
we obliged to pull with all our strength to gain on them; at last about
noon we Ryder fastened to a large bull and he towed us a long way, taking
out both his lines & boat and the boat keep. The starboard boat was
nearest to him and when he came up we pulled on but the boatsteerer
him. Then we pulled for nearly 3 hours with a head stroke and the
other till the men were nearly exhausted and Mr Ryder signalled us
and we ~~lay~~ to & run down where he was. His men were nearly all fresh for
after he lost his line he lay till most of the time Mr Ryder and part of his
got into our boat and part into the waist boat and pulled the midship
oars, Mr Ryder and Mr Allen in hour the starboard boat got fast to
another bull In a few moments we were alongside to the same with we
Ryder then sent his boat to the ship for
for we had not had a drop in the boats for nearly 4 hours and the men
were nearly choked with heat In a short time Mr Lee started for the ship
which was 10 miles off and reached it just as the sun was setting The
other boat returned with water and a light breeze springing up the
ship ran down and took the whale alongside. about 10 in the evening
This is the hottest day and that I ever did. My face all round the
out of my head and my nose is almost a perfect blister. Finding the
whole the officers was so tired that we could work a while and then
the other would take it. In fact

Wed. St Peter Wednesday April 7th 1851 Hove bells
Commenced cutting in Sperm at 1 PM and finished just as 8 bells were struck at noon. Saw two Sperm raised while cutting in lowered and Carter darted at one but it was a long distance and he missed him. Both of us are so sore to day that he is fairly blind and the captain went in his boat. Snider got out a new line for his boat — got aboard 8 ev
In the evening started the works. Began on the head

Thursday April 10th

Continued boiling. Raised whales again at 9 AM lowered and chased them out of sight of the ship. Carter struck a whale in the head and the iron drawed. Gave a little while and gave it up. About 20 miles from the ship which we reached at sunset. The captain went in the waist boat again. Mr Lee being with him. The wind was very light and we had several showers during the day

Friday April 11th

Calm most of the day. Finished boiling and cleared up decks at 1 P.M. All hands are glad that we are through for we have had 3 days very hard pulling besides being up half the night boiling which makes it seem more tedious. Most of their faces are badly burnt by the sun and lips so sore as to be so scorched that they can hardly see. My own eyes are good yet but my face is burned considerable. Wind ahead a little otherwise

Saturday April 12th

The weather continues very calm and hot. Did nothing but wash out and cooper the casks as the ship is to be the south vessel

Sunday April 13th

Fine day light breeze from the S.E. Stood [illegible] and at 8 AM a little before noon saw whale spout 4 miles off. Lowered away and pulled till almost sunset when the last boat went on and darted but missed him. A bark has been in sight all the forenoon. Saw whale spouting. Lowered boats the second time. Struck a Sperm about 8 months out with 735 spears. The boat I was in was not the main boat got aboard & went aboard in the evening took a light shower

Monday April 14th

The weather continues very calm. Coopered casks for stowing oil. At 8 PM the Hobomac was 4 miles off in the westward. Set the watch and we lowered the starboard boat and the captain went aboard

Tuesday April 15th

Light breezes from N.N.W. to N.W. Stowed down 80 bbls of oil in the fore hold. Finished stowing and broke out bright from between the casks # 8 & # 1 stowed it in the sail room. Finished at 7 PM

Wednesday April 16th

In the morning the wind was moderate and [illegible] The weather was cloudy with some rain. Sighted Desappointment Island at 6 AM. In the weather [illegible] looks settled in and is a solemn sight. On it I have spent a few pleasant hours and should it ever be taken considerable oil. Afternoon pleasant wind light & variable. Trying waters. In the evening the wind headed and we steered S

Thursday April 17th

Drawed and spliced sundry arms. Strapped the main brace blocks and rigged the lying gear. The wind is still light and variable from southward and westward. Saw [illegible] about 4 miles ahead and it excited the captain's curiosity so much that he ran off towards it but on coming up with it found it was a large log covered with white barnacles. At sunset [illegible] of Co. got into the [illegible] boat and pulled to [illegible] Turtle & found a [illegible] got a peal full of eggs and boiled them [illegible] returned [illegible] the ship and

Ship St Mary's Friday April 15th 1858 Lagoon

[illegible] daylight [illegible] in old house and a visit to town to the bank for five months at 2½ and put it down to Mr Hamilton when we started for H- ship which was 3 miles off shore [illegible]. After breakfast the peg drawed and we was obliged to go aboard with nothing but a load of wood and a couple of fowls P.M. [illegible] as soon as we was aboard and stood off to the eastward till 5 PM when the wind was changed to S. Afternoon [illegible] wind fresh

Saturday April 17th [illegible] Made sprung

[illegible] winds from S.W. steered S & E till 11 A.M. when we came to the wind standing about S.W. The weather is foul and it has rained steady all day Took in topgallantsails and flying jib at 6 A.M. wind veered round to N.W. at 8 P.M. when we was about 20 miles from land and stood off E. Carried fore and mizen topsails at 8 P.M.

Sunday April 18th

Light winds with variable and calm, wind Took at ½ past 9 A.M. it soon came to rain and rained powerfully till noon with the wind [illegible] to N.W steering E & S. About 1 P.M. went out to catch sharks on the bowsprit cap and had a long [illegible] letting it on [illegible] the water till by [illegible] he should [illegible] but not satisfied with this crew spent he thought he could catch more by going out on the end of the jibboom [illegible] and he fell into the sea passing directly under the stern [illegible] starboard boat and picked him up [illegible] this about the last time John Shaw caught him by the [illegible] in a boat [illegible] he was [illegible] and he was [illegible] and at this moment [illegible] again This is the second time he has escaped drowning At 6 come to the wind on the starboard tack and double reefed

Monday April 19th Lat 4.16 S

Fresh winds from N.N.W. steered S & E till 9 P.M. when we set the day The weather cloudy with some rain. Set up fid and flying jib gave chief officer [illegible] double reefed [illegible] and came to

Tuesday April 20th Lat 4 S

Strong winds and cloudy weather steering [illegible] under reefed mainsail and reefed foresail. Found the ship out of trim and kept out of [illegible] but coming on to blow fresh double reefed main topsail at noon [illegible] At noon made sprung A. P. [illegible] up fore topgallant and [illegible]

Wednesday April 21st Lat 6.05 S

Moderate winds from W.S.W. steering [illegible] under all sail [illegible] at noon lowered the boats for a sulphur bottom but did not succeed in getting [illegible] Came about 2 P.M. [illegible] Lat 5.50 S Longitude [illegible]

Thursday April 22nd

Light winds from S.E. steering S.W. under all sail Found ship [illegible] first gradually hauled to S.S.E. and [illegible] to a perfect calm [illegible]

Friday April 23rd

At daylight a heavy squall struck us from the westward took in light sail and double reefed fore and main topsail At 10 [illegible] Got through reefing John Shaw and Jose Maria Baiza [illegible] slacks a light and had not the 2nd and 3rd mate interfered I think something serious would have happened Towards noon the weather came on fine and whole topsails were set with main topgallantsail and flying jib In the evening it came on rain with [illegible] wind took in light sails as the weather grew heavy Sighted land about 4 P.M. S.W. [illegible] Lat at noon 4 S

Ship St Pete Saturday Apl 26th 1851. Seychelles.
t wind powerfull till just before daylight when it cleared up and we found ourselves in pretty close to Long's island making a strait passage to the lee. however got the ship on the other tack just in time to save it & lowered the pinnace boats and went ashore hoping and expecting a day getting large and small besides some fowls cocoa nuts yams &c while wandering over the island I chanced to pass by the grave of Wm Owen who died in the Ship Lafayette of New Bedford. He is buried in a lonely part of the island with a pine board at for a tombstone with the simple inscription William Owen aged 31 1848 He was I believe an American and a native of New Bedford In a short time the board will rot away and no trace will be left of the grave.

Sunday Apl 27th

Strong breezes from S.W. steering W.N.W. A Bargue in sight on our lee beam spoke her at 6 P.M. Took in sail as usual at sunset wind hauled to

Monday Apl 28th Lat 8.27 Lon 5 i. 5 E

Fore part variable with fresh airs steering W. So. W close hauled at 9 A.M. steering E.S.E. to the westward a Bargue in sight ahead standing towards us. At 1 P.M. she was on our starboard beam. the captain gave orders to head up W.S.W. as usual. She immediately hauled up her courses & ran off. When spoke her found her to be the Hope. She had taken nothing since we saw her last. Set up main & mizen shrouds and began a burton gasket for the mainsail to upmast & lay

Tuesday Apl 29th Lat 3.31 S

Moderate breezes from S.S.E. wind steering E.S.E. on close Hauled as we could head to We could head S. Little or no work is going on to day. The Hope is about 6 miles to windward on the same tack at 8 she ran across our wake about 4 past 4 we lowered our larboard and waist boats and went ashore coming aboard at 7 P.M. with a turtle which they bought of a pinnace laying at anchor there Tutleing Fleet to the westward the rest of the

Wednesday Apl 30th

Light winds and pleasant weather steering N.N.E till 9 A.M. then N.E. the remainder of the day. At sunset took in fore & mizen Topgallant sails & set flying jib. Saw a strange sail on the lee beam running towards Bird island

Thursday May 1st 1851

The weather continues pleasant and wind light from S.S.W. steering E by N about 11 when the course was altered to N.E. Made a direct passage from Bird to St Annes island St Annes bearing about NE at 3 P.M being on our starboard beam. Saw a shark porpoise flying fish & boobies the cook & one Castel took an iron out of his boat and struck a turtle soon after and caught him so we shall have turtle soup for dinner and porpoise for supper A little after noon raised 2 sails on the weather beam and to windward. As soon as we could make them out to be both Bargues hauled our wind and stood N.W. towards the weather one. The lee one instantly tacked and stood up on the wind with us The weather one was running off before the wind At sunset we stood so as to go right between both ~~ships~~ vessels but they were too far off so the bargues came together first but we stood on till about 8 in the evening when they were about a mile off. Lowered the starboard boat and Captain Ivory went aboard the Clarice Capn Tillson the last time we saw her on 30th 1851 The other craft was the Hope laying to all night

Friday May 2nd

ran to the southward and eastward with a light breeze the bargues both in sight on the weather bow and the other on the at 4 P.M they come together and hailed each other headed to W.S.W. in the even to us while to day but we were mistaken so we are going in the light of the bank between the Seychelles and

Set the carpenter to J Shaw

Ship St Peter ... Friday May 3rd 1851 Fegee

... steering along mostly ... a fine though variable breeze ... N.E. to N. Wind ... saw ... last night ... Sandwich ... set ... fore & main topgallantsails ... flying jib. Tacked ship at ... the main yard at 12 ...

Sunday May 4th

Have a fresh breeze from N.E. Wstood in W by N till 6 bells heading ... Upolu. Easternmost is about 12 miles distant Tacked at 7 and stood ... Wore & tacked S.E. Set ... to get sail at sunrise. At noon ... wind freshened and at 2 took in ... sail The wind continued to ... and the weather grew cloudy with a strong disposition to rain till 7. ... the wind fell and the weather cleared up NE & E backed the main topsail having split ... at sunset Dictatorship

Monday May 5th

... light winds steering ... Tacked W.N.W till 10. A.M. when we kept ... off ... the mate spotted a vessel to leeward that appeared to be ... She bore ... off ... steering for her She ... Tacked ... boat and the captain ... aboard the ... Moore, 8 months out with 70 bbls sperm. ... Tacked ... Tacked ... Upolu Tacked We had been ... of the ... a short time ... one of the crew told us that a negro ... had ... that he did not think he could live but a short time His reason ... and he continually talked of his home his wife and his children ... every hour in tones of innocent affection and then as if aware that he ... from death would ... at last ... around him to call ... due to his own malice from blessing to reward them with great ... to call ... from him. He spoke in his own language which was interpreted ... of the ... Table. About 10 A.M. ... resumed its seat. He looked ... to each ... who were standing with him and said. first white ... must die. He then told ... his country men what he wanted to be ... with his friends He talked at intervals till about 1/2 past 7 when he ... and stood ... with ... and the ... He ... it ... the ... of his ... He ... aboard about 8 ... with a feeling of sadness ... every countenance His is the ... death I have witnessed at sea and a feeling of sadness came over ... looked on the sable face of the old negro silent in death which ... before Surely death needs not the crowded city to find its victims

Tuesday May 6th Lat 4°10' S

... light ... ... Tacked and stood ... 12 miles distant Tacked and stood off S E

Wednesday May 7th

During the forenoon it fell calm, lowered topsails ... sails & courses The calm continued ... all day except a ... just at sunset. Cleaned the iron work on the windlass and ... a coat of tar. The same to the ... anchor

Thursday May 8th

Hoisted the topsails at sunrise heading ... very light breeze ... N.W. Latitude ... Tacked and ... Stood ... Stood ... course due S the wind from W The mate ... a wager for his ...

Friday May 9th

Fine weather and light winds steering due S till 2 P.M. then S ... Snapped ... blocks for main buntlines At sunset Make ... Tabo Bearing about E by S distant 10 ...

Saturday May 10th Lat 5°15' S

... and ... light ... Tacking ... Make is 2 points forward ... about the ... sets ... to ...

[illegible] At Noon Sunday [illegible] Lat 5.29.8
[illegible] winds steering close hauled [illegible] Wind N. Tish not lacks Cocos
Make Cocos N.W. by N distant 60 miles

Monday May 12th Lat 5.56 S

Sighted Platt island at daylight bearing to easterly distant 12 miles
Steered Course to S steering W.S.W. close hauled The Cooper has been
sick since last Thursday with pains in his bowels caused by mercury. To day
he is so bad that when he was raised to steal his grave and cries could
be heard all over the ship. During the forenoon the wind hauled Southerly
Steered a course due W. the rest of the day. Made sword mat for bunt gasket

Tuesday May 13th Lat 5.28.8 S

The wind held about E till 4 bells Lat when it suddenly hauled N.
and was light and baffling the rest of the day The mate ~~is sick~~
was taken sick this morning and is not able to do duty. Made more
sword mat for bunt gasket to main top gallant sail

Wednesday May 14th

Sighted St. Josephs one of the Amirants at 8 AM bearing S W steered
W till N past 9 then W.N.W. & N. Sighted and stood off. Steered
W noon. Fine Main and E Wind 150 Latitude 4 Sighted
his watch & deck for was put in the rigging and stood till 4 PM
when he got [illegible] lashes and was released The Cooper is worse to day
He was likewise with spells of Insanity which continued during the day
At 8 PM he crept out of his berth and went in to all hands and asking him how he felt
he said very well but have cut my throat which I want you to finish
as the knife was dull I could not cut deep enough in looking he
found after enough his throat was cut just above the Adams Apple but
not dangerous only making a bad flesh wound He also tried to drive
a fork into his breast below that but did not succeed He then tried to thrust
it into his bowels but the knife was so dull that he did not succeed
All the officers were now told and watches put over him. I stayed
with him from 6 till 10 in the evening The Captain was with me from
10 till 2 during which time the cooper continually talking wild I was relieved
by Goodwin in the Larboard boats watch

Thursday May 15th

Continued the course to the E.S.E with light winds from S.E & E.S.E
The Cooper continued about the same I watched with him from
7 till 12 first watch and was relieved by Robinson. In the afternoon
I stayed with him from 2 till 6 supper Towards night the wind
freshened a little Sighted Seychelles at 8 P.M bearing S

Friday May 16th

At 2 in the morning I relieved Robinson in the steerage. In a few
moments after he went away I asked cooper if he would like to lay
down and rest, he said yes and I went to fix his bed when he was
taken with a fit of insanity & jumping up seized a small hammer
raised it to strike me but I dodged the blow and stood on the defensive
He did not advance but stood with the hammer raised and told
me to stand off for he was not going to be killed by me. The Captain
and mate instantly came in and he was finally calmed down but still
held the hammer For about an hour he had another fit and rushed
on the Captain but we skilled him in a short time and took away the
hammer. He was then quiet till 6 when I left him At 7 we passed about
in our passage to Praslin Steering close hauled S E by E in the
Wind hauled ahead and became variable: Standing to [illegible]
At 8 PM got the waist boat ready and the Captain and [illegible]
At 9 the cooper was taken with convulsions and never have I seen such
[illegible] He eyes were set and glazing for a long time and it was a scene that I
[illegible] to witness again. At 8 [illegible] Captain & Goodwin [illegible]
[illegible] by his side. He died till midnight when
[illegible]

Ships At Rest Saturday May 17th at 7 P.M.
Dusky the forenoon Sand. Strike winds with hail squalls at two
days Expended but salt Provisions at 12 PM Boat came off at 2 P.M.
with - Bag of cocoa some sugar and plantains In the afternoon
the wind fell calm till 7 when a light breeze sprung up from the westward
Hoisted up boats made sail and put on packets The corpse is better but very weak

Sunday May 18th
In the morning we were between Eyleut & Harbour island becalmed Fired
at 11 & 3 PM when a light breeze sprung up from S E by E Stood
close hauled E by S for Eleuthera In the evening the wind hauled southerly
and we were able to lay our course E by S

Monday May 19th
In the morning stood up on the wind past the entrance till 9 A.M.
then bore and stood in for the harbor of Eleuthera and dropped anchor
at 1 past 1 P.M. In 10 fathoms of water The health officer came
on board from Governors Harbour & the afternoon landed 11 casks water for
Towards night the doctor at Governors sent word aboard that he
the corpse ashore. Scrubbed the starboard side of the ship for painting

Tuesday May 20th
Took off the water in the forenoon and got 2 ps boat Launch of
Hauled out from the Key Took the Corpse ashore at Governors

Wednesday May 21st
Got 2 boat loads of wood off at daylight After breakfast Hove up
and sailed without a pilot for Governors Harbour The starboard watch painted the
larboard side and took about 4 boat loads of wood

Thursday May 22nd
Larboard watch ashore. Starboard watch painted Starboard side and
went ashore in the afternoon Finished watering Hauled
Governors Harbour Eleuthera
and began cutting it up At 2 P.M. the
mate came aboard Settled accounts and told me to go and play for his
money & he would pay all bills Of course I went my bill $2.00 paid

Friday May 23d
Starboard watch ashore Larboard watch painted
Stayed and got 2 boat loads of wood Then went around the other side of the
island and anchored in 8 fathoms of water Found Governors Harbour
asleep on board Left Governors Harbour
was aboard and was drowned Every effort
was made to save him but without success

Saturday May 24th
Larboard watch ashore again. Took the Captain ashore Governors Harbour-finished and
the Hen on the beach and took part of it aboard At 3 P.M. Saint an
sloped for the starboard watch. Bill 2.50 paid

Sunday May 25th
All hands ashore but 4 men & Captain & mate The captain went to
Governors and made arrangements about the corpse The men were
ordered to come aboard at sunset but some were drunk and did not
come down. J Johnson & Wood. J Castel. J Shaw. H Hayman & W Robinson
left ashore.

Monday 26th
In the morning rafted 7 casks for water Took them aboard about 10 A.M.
At 1 P.M. After dinner the captain went ashore to transact a little business
while he was gone we hove short on the cable and got ready to weigh
anchor In loosing the fore topsail the bunt gasket parted and there
they were forward of the yard. It struck about half way down the foot
rigging then turned & struck his breast on the rail and fell overboard
John Shaw was after him directly but he may come up and strove out for
the ship. He did not [illegible] last seen while he was aboard but in a
little while he was in great pain about the breast. Sent for the doctor but
he did not come The captain came at 3 and at a time which before we
considerable After that the captain ordered the mate to get under way
but he refused saying the captain would ship more men. However after
a short time they came up on good terms and at 3 weighed and
and put to sea with a light wind from S E After we got clear of the
land hauled on the wind standing E by S Shipped Charles Sylvan
below the mast. Left the Ship cook Charles Finley ordered for the
morning the wind freshened

Ship St Tel. Tuesday May 27th 1851 Seychelles
Fresh winds from S.E. making long tacks beating to windward During the afternoon the weather came on squally. Stowed the cables

Wednesday May 28th

The wind freshened with frequent squalls Took in light sails at 10 A.M. & 6 P.M double reefed topsails Continued beating to windward but the current sets so strong that we gain nothing Took dunnage aboard

Thursday May 29th

The wind continued to freshen during the night and this morning it blew almost a gale of wind, furled all but double reefed main top sail & foresail At noon hoisted the larboard and waist boats and tackles standing Eastward Took several very heavy squalls during the day

Friday May 30th

Pleasant weather and steady breezes standing to westward under double reefed main and fore topsails jib stay sails & spanker At 6 P.M. gave fresh whole topsails steering S.E. by E. Sighted Bird Island Carpenter also down with fever

Saturday May 31st

Strong winds from S.E. steering as before Hove to sounding at 10 A.M. off Bird island Took in light sail and double reefed at 6

Sunday June 1st

Made Bird island at 10 A.M. and at 1 P.M. lowered the quarter boats to go ashore for eggs Just as we pushed off from the ship the man aloft spied a sail steering down for us At 5 P.M she crossed our stern just as we were coming aboard She luffed to and backed her main topsail and we went aboard with Capt Henry Found her to be the Barque Dolphin Capt. Cuttle of Hull R.T. 6 mos out with 250 spm

Monday June 2nd

Strong breezes from S.E. steering E.N.E till 11 A.M. when we were ship and stood W. In the afternoon sent down the foresail and mended it Bent it again at 7 P.M. Raised a sail about the same time on the starboard bow at 8 P.M. came to the wind on the larboard tack she H.S.W. Making a passage to the Amirants Wind eastward

Tuesday June 3d

Squally with strong winds from S.E. steering S.S.W. Broke out the second reef in the afternoon stowed clewlines & buntlines At ½ past 5 saw a sail on the lee bow

Wednesday June 4th Lat 4.49 S

Painted starboard boat in the forenoon In the afternoon set up starboard fore rigging At daylight a Barque lay about 6 miles astern of us with all sail set Tacked P.M. heard forward on the starboard and we on the larboard tack Did not come but the dirty set her Supposed it to be the Paris Capt Hull of Sea Reefs Moderate winds from S.E. with pleasant weather standing S.S.W

Amirants Thursday June 5th Amirants

Moderate breezes from S.S.E. steered S.W. till 10 A.M. when we hove and stood E. Capt. island on the lee bow became 10 miles distant Set up starboard pigeon rigging in the forenoon P.M. larboard do Reefed several times during the afternoon jib, fly jib spanker & main top sail

Friday June 6

Fresh winds and severe squalls from S.S.E. steering E.S.E. The weather became so squally at 8 P.M. that we double reefed topsails Mr Lee is making a Pigeon cage

Saturday June 7th

The weather continues rugged and squally standing under double reefed topsails jib foresail & spanker Broke out molasses & sugar before breakfast At P.M. the afternoon the weather moderated a little Took out of main topsail

Lat 11.8 Lon 82.8 Sunday June 8th 1856 Fine weather
Sailed this day from P.C starting C.I.E.c.S.W for [illegible]
island in sight of deck on the Atlantic beam Bearing to windward
is in further two days Sunday stood under topsails topgallant courses &c

Monday June 9th

Steady breeze from E.E till 10 A.M when it fell to a light breeze
at 12 P.M made Roaches island from the N.E Lawrence Harbour
east and pulled ashore with the captain & 2nd mate This island
is low and sandy and is covered with low bushes excepting on
and there a few tufts of good size Cocoa nuts grow in considerable
quantities on the N.W end The island abounds in fowl for
which we went ashore A few people are on it for the purpose
of catching turtle which are found here in considerable numbers
The island is about 5 miles long and on the S.E side a reef
extends the whole length and 3 or 4 miles out to sea over which
the surf beats with great violence Having shot a small number
of hens we pulled off at sunset for the ship which was 8 or
10 miles to windward We pulled just under the edge of the reef for 4 miles
before we could lay our course for the ship and then 4 miles to
windward getting aboard about 9 Evening Hauled up Courses &c

Tuesday June 10th

Light and variable winds steering southerly In the afternoon
the weather came on rainy Double reefed fore and mizen topsails

Wednesday June 11th

Set in the jib and sheeted it with blue drilling All hands
were to watch in the forenoon The starboard watch were called by the
mate because they turned out and caught a porpoise The wind
moderate from E.E steering E.S.E Fine pleasant till 4 P.M when
it came on squally Double reefed fore and mizen topsails at 8 P.M

Thursday June 12th Alphonso Island

Squally with strong and variable winds Steered S.W by W till
1 P.M when we made Alphonso island and kept off going round the
north end Came to the wind at 4 P.M on the S.W end and hauled
double reefed topsails at 5 P.M lowered the launch & gig
boats and went ashore on a small sandy island for eggs but
finding none we went cruising for turtle Saw a plenty but
they were too skilful and we got none Went aboard at 8 P.M made

Lat 7.29 Friday June 13th From Alphonso to Providence

Steady winds with head sea still standing S.W by S
under double reefs and courses Broke out beef and pork Filled the
casks Got in 1 mainsail at 3 P.M and spanker.

Lat 8.08 Saturday June 14th From Alphonso to Providence

Rugged and squally standing along S.W by S under double
reefs and courses In the evening it puffed so hard that we took
in jib and spanker The ship pitches into the sea beautifully

Lat 8.58 Sunday June 15th

The weather moderated a little Set jib and spanker and let out
1 reef out of the main topsail ~~Found~~ The wind continued to blow
strong from E.E during the day but the weather came on fine

Monday June 16th Lat 10.12

Pleasant gales and fine weather steering S.S.W on the wind
under double reefed fore and mizen topsails single do main do
courses spanker and jib Tacked and stood E at sunset Tacked again E

Tuesday June 17th

The wind fell during the night to a moderate breeze At 6 A.M
turned reefs out of fore and main topsails set main topgallant
sail and flying jib steering S.S.W The ~~Tacked~~ wind at 2 P.M fell to
almost a calm but at sunset it arose to a stiff breeze Took
in flying jib A quick short nasty head sea running

Ship St Peter Wednesday June 18th

At 2 in the morning tacked ship Standing S & W the wind blowing a stiff breze as much as we could stagger under with whole topsails Took in main topgallant sail after it had nearly blown away At 6 PM single reefed fore and main topsails In the afternoon the wind fell to a calm, clewed down every thing at sunset but a light breze springing up at 8 set spanker and fit to Steady her as she was pitching heavy in a short dirty sea

Thursday June 19th

In the morning Fine was a light breze from S made all sail but mizen topsail and topgallantsail steering close hauled E.S.E. Hove to on the mizen topsail and mended it During the forenoon the wind freshened to a strong breze We are now beating up to Port de Nova but we are going to get Turtle eggs &c Wind the sail at 4 past 4 PM and Hove new main topsail billiards. At sunset it fell calm but in the evening took a breeze and set topgallant sails and fly jib after that calm

Friday June 20th Lat 11,26 S

Light winds and fine weather steering Westerly with a variable wind till noon when we tacked and stood close hauled to easterly under all sail Hove new flying jib downhaul and took the downhaul for mizen topgallant bulliards. Three sheets and fixed the fore &c

Saturday June 21st Lat 11,40 S

Moderate but variable winds from southward and eastward steering a westerly Weather cloudy but without rain Expect to sight Johanna

Sunday June 22nd

Sighted Johanna at day break a point upon the lee bow 16 miles dist. Lay a course W by S with a moderate breze from S. to N.E. about 15 miles off shore took several squalls and was obliged to take in topgallantsails and double reef topsails but after we passed the point it moderated fell calm and all sail was made. At 4 P.M. got the boats towed has to her anchorage. Had it not been for the bloody Arab pilots we should have got a berth without trouble but they were jabbering and bawling enough to puzzle a dozen men. however we dropped anchor about 6 oclock in 24 fathoms of water laying out 60 fathoms of chain Found the Whf Wm Lee here and Barque Marcella Capt Winslow 250 Tons 12 guns Dane Capt Smith 22 guns Sent Capt [illegible] Then towed a boat upon and hoped to gain Natives came aboard in large numbers before we dropped anchor will visit

Monday June 23d

At 8 A.M the Larboard watch went ashore. Aboard painted fit and fly jib boom and bowsprit At 2 P.M helped tow out the Dane. She is homeward bound The Wm Lee got under way at at 4 also bound home I was jam nearly all day

Tuesday June 24th

Starboard watch ashore At 6 P.M the Globe got underway bound on a cruise Got off a raft of water Took off a part of a load of Tea

Wednesday June 25th

Larboard watch ashore Took off 16 bbls of Tea Shoved the boats to sea pull the King off and pull him ashore again Came to Log the boat duties for which he demanded $15 to which the capn paid in white cotton cloth at $3.00 per piece

Thursday June 26th

Took off a few barrels of tea a few cocoanuts and some bananas At 2 P.M the Barque Marcella got under way and stood out to sea with a light breze bound on a cruise. We expected to go to sea to day but we could not get all our recruits aboard for the natives did not select them from the mountains

Ship At Anchor Friday June 27th 1851 Mohanna

P. M. the master took a boat & some potatoes and Casa. At 8 hove short and got ready to sail but had no wind till 10 P.M. when a light land breeze sprang up and we got under way and stood out to sea Placed the anchor at 8 got down the chain Quere ship supposed to be the Lee. Get well clear of the land stood S & W all sail. Took in light sail at sunset

Mohanna or Anjouan

This is one of the largest of the Comoro Islands situated on the E coast of Africa It is of a triangular form and appears to have been once the crater of a large volcano It is entirely mountainous and is covered with its loftiest peaks with vegetation The principal articles of produce are yams sweet potatoes, taro, Indian corn, rice, plantain bananas oranges limes and lemons. Cocoa nuts & the Mohical fruits also grow in abundance Yams and sweet potatoes form the principal articles of trade and for these nearly all the whale ships in this ocean put in here, Bullock wo are raised in large numbers which are sold in considerable numbers to the same class of vessels as the English ships of war and East India traders. The inhabitants are of middling size and well formed but with small limbs They profess the Mohamedan religion but the native African worship of Fetiches is still kept up. They are governed by a king who was for many years called a sultan who reigned the whole Comoro group but he is now curtailed to the simple title of king and only governs the island of Johanna He is a man of about 60 years old with a mild easy manner and always carries a smiling face He is much beloved by his subjects who pay him great respect and never approach him without kneeling The town of Cadam in which he lives is built principally of stone the houses are but one story high and are closely built the streets being only about 4 or 5 feet in width The ruins of an old fort is situated back of the town and is armed with 16 guns of different sizes ranging from 6 to 16 pounders without carriages The king is about repairing the fort however and soon expects to have it in a serviceable condition The people of rank all go armed with swords slung over the shoulders and the common people all carry knives as an apology for the which gives them a rather ferocious appearance but their courage is rather below par when brought to the test. Their dress is nothing more than a piece of cloth fastened around the waist a loose dress thrown over the shoulders, and a turban on the head. They are very fond of tobacco, and will give almost any thing to obtain it. They also chew betle leaf & nut, with lime, which makes their teeth very black and hard. Slavery is carried on to a considerable extent each native owning from 1 to 100 slaves. Polygamy is also tolerated and a man may have as many wives and concubines as he chooses. An English consul resides in the interior and an Englishman resides in Cadam who does all the trading with ships that put in there but is obliged to pay the King 1800 dollars pr year for the share

Johanna is situated in Lat 12° 15' S Lat and 44° 35' E Longitude

Saturday June 28th

Wind E with a moderate breeze from E to E.S.E. Braced up and stood close hauled N.E by N. in the morning the wind was variable

Sunday June 27th bound to Alderba
Light and variable winds from the southward steering
Easterly Weather pleasant but hazy

Monday June 30th

Strong and variable winds steering close hauled E.S.E. with
Starboard tacks aboard Spoke the Barque Maria at 9 A.M. Capt
Rose came aboard and stayed till 7 Eve She has now 200 spanish mos

Tuesday July 1st

Strong winds from W.S.W. steering close hauled E.N.E. Set up
Larboard fore rigging, sent in the flying jib and bent another one
Sighted Alderba at 8 P.M. 3 Points on the lee bow Tacked at
Sunset standing S.S.W. Saw a sail on the lee bow

Wednesday July 2nd

Pleasant weather and strong winds from S.S.E. steering E.N.E.
hauled. Sighted at 11 A.M. bearing E.N.E. At 1 P.M. it came
on to blow so hard that we was obliged to double reef topsails
& old ship pitching into a heavy head beat sea in good earnest
at 6 made the island and sent the larboard boat ashore to Alderba

Thursday July 3d at Alderba

In the morning we were about 15 miles to the westward of the island
stood up and took the boat aboard at 8 A.M. with 5 Turtle
The wind holds very strong from S.E. steering E.N.E. Pleasant weather
but a dirty sea on which makes it rather uncomfortable. Double
reefed topsails and furled the mainsail in the 2nd watch

Friday July 4th

Blowing fresh of a gale from S.E. steering E.N.E. under double reefed
fore and main topsails and foresail Furled the spanker mizen topsail
and jib at 6 P.M. Tethered 4 Turtles to the ring bolts around the main
hatches, broke out water & Starboard water below in the forenoon Killed
Turtle to eat all day & what a treat for the 4th of July at Sea

Saturday July 5th

Unsteady winds with squalls till 12 A.M. when the wind became
strong and steady from S.E. by S steering S.W. by S. Set jib and spanker
at 7 and at 8 turned reefs out of fore and main and loosed mizen
topsails but coming on to blow double reefed fore and main topsails
again a fresh Gale at 6 P.M and stood Eastward

Sunday July 6th Bound to the coast

The wind very fresh from S.E. the old ship pitching heavy
in a heavy head sea The old man turned out at 6 and seeing
a dark cloud finding the old craft pitching into it so nice he
put her off before the wind going S.W. by W. bound for the coast
of Africa under double reefed topsails and foresail

Monday July 7th

Moderate winds from S.S.E. at W. by W. till 3 P.M. when
they seized a school of sperm whales and kept off to W. by W.
several different courses to northward and at sunset steered N.W.
& N. so come to the wind on the starboard tack steering S.S.E.
Sent down the main topsail and stopped in new pieces in the
middle and patched the foot

Tuesday July 8th

Strong breezes from S.E. steering W. by N. most of the day Saw
spouts and breaches during the day but they were all
Sulphurbacks and Cowfish. Saved this stuff for the Old man for
honey toes slit out 5 boxes The Cabin kicked up a row with Robinson
the day about a knife that Robinson took from the cabin boy last Sunday
gave knife into his hand and he opened his knife and struck Robinson

Ship At Sea Wednesday July 9th to the eve
Strong winds from S steering W.S.W. Sent down the fo
topsail and mended it At 3 P.M. come to the wind on st
larboard tack steering E.S.E. Sent the topsail at 5 and
gasket it, also double reefed fore and mizen topsails

Thursday July 10th

Pleasant weather and strong breeze from S steering W.S.W
under double reefs The Captain kicked up a row with Robinson
again this morning and seized him up to the stern of the boat on
the house ~~on the house~~ and made him confess some of his devil
that he done while he was steward Sent him, to work at sun
ing to the wind on the starboard tack at sunset

Friday July 11th

Sent down the mainsail and upbraid it Robinson was hauled
up again to day and confessed his devilry in writing which the Ca
obliged him to read before all hands It consisted of stealing
shoes. hat. money. sail needle. wasting provision, and cabin furnit
&c &c for which he was seized up and got 37 lashes. besides orde
to come off every watch below and send the Bible Steward & C.S
close handed on the starboard tack with a strong breeze

Saturday July 12th Yesterday pleasant
Pleasant weather and strong winds steering S.S.W.ly to
10 A.M. then W.S.W. 1 P.M. when Mr Lee rose a school of fish
close to the Ship. Lowered down and got 3 small ones and two
then alongside at 5 P.M. Took in all but double reefed main to

Sunday July 13th

Although it is sunday we commenced cutting at daylight and
got in slow job we have of it too. for there a light breeze and a
heavy swell on and the Ed will turn to about like a plaything a
Not to hate swaying and snapping about decks so that we can hard
work on to them, However we finished at 11 A.M and stowed the two
In the afternoon bailed the cases and cut up the blubber. Sighted Isle
at 5 but at 7 it come on squally so we did not steer the course
& Evening when the weather cleared up and was fine.

Monday July 14th

Light winds and pleasant weather Finished boiling at 7 evening
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Tuesday July 15th

Cleaned out the pots &c At 8 A.M it came on squally At 9
a heavy squall parted the spanker gaff amidships Sent it down
and I went to work and made a new one from an old studn
top gallant mast I have to act ships carpenter now. our carp.
being sick and is not likely to get well very soon again I imagine &c

Wednesday July 16th

Squally. laying still under double reefed main topsails foresail

Thursday July 17th Lat 8.40 S
Moderate and variable winds from the Eastward to
westerly. At 6 A.M. set whole fore & main topsail double reefed mizen
and jib At 10. set fly jib & main topgallantsail Sent up the sp
gaff and painted it Double reefed and lashed at sunset

Friday July 18th Lat. 6.15 S
Passed close to Isle Ty Ee with a moderate breeze from S
Sent the spanker and set it at 7 A.M. Set all sail but f
and mizen topgallants. Sighted Canibal at 3 P.M. and
till 6 P.M. off shore when we tacked and stood

Ship Gl Fuller Sat. day July 17th Off Hanging 1851
Pleasant weather and light winds standing close hauled E by S
Although we have headed a southerly course the current is
so strong that we have drifted 19 mls north during the past
24 hours or from Lat 6.19.S to 5.30.S with all sail set

Sunday July 20th Lat 5.08 S

Fresh winds from S.S.E. Tacked at 9 and stood S.W. under
sail but fore and mizen topgallt sl. The mate came up this morn
ing as was comfortable damning the men fore and aft under
work at setting up the larboard jib and fly jib guys but find
a little cross for or d-n stupid as he called it told us to
lock off Sat to day Took in main topgallt sail at 6 P.M. The wind
is blowing standing W.S.W. ~~Lat 5.08 S~~ Var. 7m

Monday July 21st Lat 5.22 S

When I turned out this morning at 2 o'clock the wind was
blowing strong and we had orders to tack ship and had got
it about and was bracing the fore tack when the foresail
split in the middle from head to foot Furled it and the
mainsail and a short time after double reefed the fore topsail
and bunted the spanker ~~whale~~ At 6 A.M. sent down the foresail &
put cloths in the middle and batched it. The wind lulled
during the forenoon set the main topgallt sail and fly jib
Saw a sail to windward Lat 5.22 and Lon. about 4° 35 E
being S.W. At 1 P.M. Mr Lee raised a school of sperm whales
& about 1 P.M. 5' lowered the boats Mr Lee got fast soon after
covering and just as the sun was setting Mr Ryder got fast
The 2 boats got foul of each other soon after and Mr Ryder
cut Mr Lee's line. Mr Lee's whale was spouting thick blood.
Mr Ryder then called for our line which we gave him. The
whale then sounding heavy taking out 170 fathoms of
line which we hauled in 3 different times passing it through his boat into ours and coiling it away in our boat
As we got up to the whale the 3d time Mr Ryder lost a man
(Clay) overboard and threw the line clear of his boat leaving
it with about 600 fathoms of line in the boat the right hand
pilot and the whale going like a race horse dead to windward
driving the boat right through the sea covering us with
the spray At last the whale went down and we saw object
out line Taking with him 350 fathoms of line We could now
just see the ships light, about ship. set our sail, and got about
by 8 Evening. Mr Ryder picked up his man, and came aboard at
the same time. Mr Lee got aboard about 9. Ryders boat stove a little

Tuesday July 22nd

Fresh breezes doing about 8 knots by 11 close hauled with main
topgallt sail out Got out towline for Mr Ryders boat So as little
before 3 P.M. Mr Ryder raised a school of whales and about
last 3 lowered the boats but did not get fast till about 4 past
when the Capt's call hailed to a cry. Mr Lee then went
and fastened and in a short time our boat got fast to
a whale and Mr Lee got foul of each other and parted
the line and steered our boats to get round both boats and
the whales completely pulled. Mr Ryder succeeded in
getting fast about 6 or 7 when Mr Lee went on and fastened
to the whale going down and he did not get fast

Ship Pocahontas Sunday July 22nd Lat 1 [illegible]
at that time but [illegible] coming down
from the windward and he laid the boat around in a
little less than no time and fastened to a large whale
and he sounded deep taking most of our line but he
soon came up and we fastened as soon as he broke we
with 2 irons, then put the lances into him strong and had h
spouting thick blood before we had our line hauled in
got up and lanced him a few times and our iron draws
then we had to send for a long spell again for the whale
evening and we were obliged to set our sail to keep up Weaver
that going up again about sunset when the whale went dow
gain taking out all the line and sending on ours took n
all of that taking in all nearly 3 or 4 fathoms of line of 600
and it was after dark before we got it hauled in again. Then
sounded several times taking out a hundred fathoms of li
and for about two hours that they did not know whether to cu
or not at last Mr Bern either would have been as good as a ne
After while however he got still so that we could lance
him off & Fastened to a large whale and we had on line ha
all the line in our boat & was as dark as pitch and all
could see the whale would be quite a while yet. Still we ha
on and finished it into him till about 10 o'clock when he
him out and our job was done. Mr. Ryder came from the ot
to see how we got along but finding all right went aboa
again. We then pitched irons in this head and towed him
alongside at ½ past 11 Eve & All covered down everything
set the watch & hands in a watch. Mr Ryder took his whale alongsi

Wednesday July 23

Pleasant weather and light winds Commenced cutting at
daylight and finished at ½ past 6 Eve in a shower of ra
A Pilot has been in sight all day. Hauled watches at ei

Thursday July 24 Lat 1.35 S

Fresh breeze & squally with heavy gale of wind and rained powerfully mo
of the day. Cut in the small whale and commenced co
at 6 Bells A Mid. to the eastward to keep clear of land wh
is close under our lee with a very strong current setting in sho
at the rate of 3 Miles p hour

Friday July 25th

Squally with strong winds. Continued boiling Stood Ea

Saturday July 26th

Still squally. Finished boiling at 6 P.M. & washed decks
pumped ship &c

Sunday July 27th Lat 1, or 2

Pleasant weather and fresh breezes, standing S by W. Baled
fat down, cleaned the jaws, &c. Towards night cleaned the pots

Monday July 28th

In the morning had moderate breeze and pleasant weather but
the afternoon it came on squally with fresh winds from S S W standi
close hauled S. E. Carried away the fore topsail yard. Got
The main topgallant sail out from 10 A.M till 3 P.M. Double
reefed fore topsail at sunset. Repaired the fore boat

Tuesday July 29th

Squally with strong winds from S.S.E. Tacked at 6 A.M &
stood S W. Shifted several casks of oil to windward to trim
ship. Afternoon. Light winds [illegible]

Ship St Helena Wednesday July 26th 1854
This morning we were going to slow down the oil but the weather came on squally and it was put off. The wea. cleared up at 8 A.M. and was fine during the day with fresh winds steering S.W. by W. I made paddles for white boat
Afternoon, Coopered oil casks for stowing

Thursday July 31st

Stowed 80 bbls of oil in the fore hold on the larboard side Pleasant weather with moderate breezes steering So Wly

Friday August 1st

Broke out on the starboard side and stowed down 60 bbls of oil filling the ground tier and a few riders in the forecastle Finished at 4 P.M and cleaned the decks Moderate breezes and fine weather steering So Westerly Made sail at 1/2 past 6 P.M. Single reef Brope out meat 2 bbls fore and main topsails

Saturday Aug 2nd (Lat 4, 14 S.)

Fresh winds and pleasant weather steering S.W. Turned reef out of fore and main topsails and set main topgallant sail and flying jib. at 6 A.M Took in main topgallant sail and flying jib at 7 Mr Ferguson fell over the yard while furling the sail but caught the sheet and saved himself At 8 set the sail again at 11 took a heavy squall and was obliged to take it in and double reef topsails. The remainder of the day was squally Took up the slop cask from which I got 2 pr Drawers 1 pr cotton Pants

Sunday Aug 3d (Lat 4,53 S)

Steered S.W. by W with a strong breeze from S by E. with main topgallantsail and flying jib set ~~Split the foresail and [illegible] the sail~~ Foresails night it came on to blow hard took in light sail and double reefed. Tacked ship at 6 P.M and stood E.S.E

Monday Aug 4th Lat 5,06

Fine weather with strong breezes steering close hauled S.W. by W. Hydes made and put in a new coat for the main mast fished the comings around it and done sundry odd jobs Looked at sunset and stood to the Eastward under T.S.

Tuesday Aug 6th (Lat 5,04 S.)

Became so to blow so hard that we were obliged to double reef at 10 A.M. The Capn repaired several fluke chains &c. Took up several casks and repaired them. Made peak clew for mainsail boat, besides a few other jobs Wore at 6 P.M and stood Eastward

Wednesday Aug 6th Lat 4,57

Stood So Westerly with a good breeze with main topgallant and flying jib set. Hove the main topsail double reefed all the night Continued repairing casks. At night it came on to blow hard reefed topsails as usual The current is so strong we can hardly hold our own under a close reef sail

Thursday Aug 7th (Lat 5,07 S.)

In the morning the wind was moderate and we made sail to the main sail and flying jib about noon the wind began to freshen and at sunset we had as much as we could carry under Took in the topgallantsail and flying jib At the

At 8 hrs 45 Saw a sail E.S.E. Gave chase
Fresh winds and pleasant weather steering close hauled S.S.W.
under the same sail as yesterday, viz, courses, whole reefed sails
double reefed mizen topsails, jib, spanker, main topgallant sail
and flying jib. About 11 A.M. passed a sail on the weather bow
standing towards us, when she came on our beam we tacked and
stood along with her to the eastward till 6 P.M. when we lost
sight of her. Tacked and stood S.S.W. with moderate
winds and cloudy weather. Pumped 1000 strokes at sunset

Sunday Aug 10th Lat 4.48

Strong breezes steering S.E. & E. Turned the hands out of the watch
to exercise and at 10 A.M. beat to quarters but the exercising was obliged to be given over on account of
the ship's rolling so much. At 1 P.M. hove to and lowered a boat
to pick up a whale which we had struck in the morning. At 4 P.M.
the boat returned with the whale alongside and commenced cutting
in. At 6 P.M. finished cutting in and filled away on the ship's
course. Pumped 1200 strokes this morning

Monday Aug 11th Lat 3.38 S

Moderate breezes steering close hauled W.S.W till 9 A.M. then tacked
and stood E.S.E. Weather pleasant. The current here is stronger than
we have yet encountered and we drift to the northward at a rate
varying from 3/4 of a mile to a mile an hour with a strong breeze carrying
full sail we can. We are now cruising off the coast of Africa which
is in sight nearly every day. Carried main topgallant sail and fly jib set
from 6 A.M. till 12 at night when it came on to blow fresh

Tuesday Aug 12th

Fresh winds and cloudy weather steering close hauled S.S.E.
Today all the forward hands are quite sick caused by eating
fish that have laid where the moon shone upon them. It is
curious to see how differently they are affected. Some are so cold
that they are almost frozen. Others are almost melted with heat. Some
have a violent headache. Some are vomiting. Others the opposite. On the
whole we present the most laughable scene that has occurred for
a long time. We got orders to day not to fish any more on the ice
lights. O dear how my head aches and I am almost burned up
Lowered down and double reefed the fore topsail at 8 and the
main at 6 P.M. Afternoon and evening squally with heavy head
winds. At 9 in the evening a large ship hove about 2 miles to
windward of us steering S. Pumped 1050 strokes this morning

Wednesday Aug 13th

Blow a half a gale. Hauled the mainsail at 6 A.M. hauled up the
spanker. At the same time were ship mast stood W.S.W. The
craft is rolling to beat considerable. When we first came out
we only heeled from 4 to 5 streaks a week, but since we have
the last whales she has leaked almost as many the second.
This morning we pumped 940 strokes. My wheelmate is off duty
now from having sores on his legs and I have to steer at the helm
6 & 8 hours out of 24. We have all got over our fish sickness
but the old hands it appears to entail them as ever. This
morning noon or night finds him in one of the quarter boats
fishing. We caught a [illegible] to day and [illegible]
have been on this

Ship Sel Sea Thursday August 14th Coast 1851
fresh winds steering S W by W Turned both reefs out of the main and
reef out of the fore topsail and set the mainsail at 6 A. M. Were now
standing in shore again having stood off about 200 miles
Made a dog for the crossjack yard and got out some iron poles
Double reefed the main topsail at 6 P.M

Friday Aug 15th Lat 3,5 S

Unsteady and variable winds veering westerly The weather
in the morning was cloudy with light squalls but the afternoon
clear and pleasant The Capt'n had a great time fishing this morning
A large Sea Snake took his hook, line, pole and all near
the "Sel man" himself Set main Topgallant and fly jib, at 6 P.M.
took them in again at 8 Tacked at ½ past 2 A.M. and stood E.
Tacked again at 10 A.M and stood S. S. W. Saw a waterspout

Saturday Aug. 16th

Stood W S W with a strong breeze under Topsails &c Broke out for
water under the main Hatches At ½ past 12 P.M. We raised a
whale pulling close to the ship. Lowered and Mr Ryder fastened
in ¾ of an hour. We fastened to the same whale as soon as he be-
gan to spout again When we went on to lance him he came near the
boat with his jaws. We Lanced him twice
and had just struck him with the lance when the whale
hit the boat a Smack with his flukes under the quarter and
demolished as quick as lightning and stove her badly with
his head between the bow and midship thwarts the whale caught
the boat in his jaws just abaft the after thwart and capsized
her on top of his head staving one side nearly all in We picked
up all but 2 men the other 2 being on top of the boat Mr Ryder
soon picked them up and lanced the whale again which made
him let go of the boat We picked up the boat-gear &c and Mr Ryder
anchored the whale and we went alongside about 2 P.M. This
whale was killed the quickest of any I have ever got In 20 minutes
from the time he was struck he went into his flurry. Took the
blubber on board and cut in the whale finishing at 7 Evening

Sunday Aug 17th

Pleasant weather and moderate winds standing S E &c. Crew
employed at Divine Service To day we had the long promised Doughnuts

Monday 18th

Pleasant Finished boiling at 4 P.M Raised a sail at 6 P.M

Tuesday Aug 19th

Fresh winds and cloudy weather steering S E &c Employed as
yesterday Commenced repairing the waist boat Sewed sail up
this morning on the Cutter beam

Wednesday Aug 20th

Strong breezes and cloudy weather. Employed at Divine Service and
S W by W. Continued repairing the waist boat

Thursday Aug 21st

Moderate winds standing S W by W Also employed at Divine Service
out of the Union and 1 Reef out of the fore topsail at 6 P.M.
Stowed up the mizen topsail and mended it Finished the waist
boat and got her on the cranes at 2 P.M In the morning it
[illegible]
out of the mainsail at ½ past 10

Friday [illegible]

[illegible] S W by W with strong breezes [illegible]
[illegible]

Ship S.E. & S.E. by S. Lat 2.46 N.
Hooked at 7 A.M. and stood West with a moderate breeze all sail. Rattled down lower main rigging and set the fore topmast shrouds. Tacked again at noon and stood S. & E. wards right we passed through a fleet number of jelly fish. The surface of the water looked almost as blood they were so thick

Wednesday Sep 10th Lat 2.38 N Long 46.1 E

Stood West with a good breeze under all sail. Did some small jobs in the main rigging and began another mast. Tacked again at 7 P.M. and stood S.E. In the evening it came to blow fresh and was obliged to take in all light sail

Thursday Sep 11th Lat 2.12

Fresh winds going close hauled E. by E. Set up the mizen topgallant rigging. Caught several shell fish of the usual species. The "Old man" this mean an Ebony fish. and thats all

Friday Sep 12 Lat 0.49 S

Stood S.E. & E. with a moderate breeze. Put new mats in the mizen rigging and repaired the lifts on the fore topsail yard besides a few other light jobs. Caught porpoise we are now making a passage back to the Seychelles

Saturday Sep 13th Lat 0.26 S

Almost a calm standing S. E. by E. under all sail. Hooked my fish which is nearly off by the back bone from Carlos

Sunday Sep 14th Lat 0.23 S Lon 54 E

Light wind and fine weather standing S. E. by E. Struck another porpoise this morning. Owing to the calm it is rather hard work again for during the last 24 hours we have sailed up to 7 & 8 S.E. by E and have made only 3 minutes S

Monday Sep 15th

The wind continues very light and rather variable steering Easterly. Rove down the mizen stay and stripped it and put on a new service to the gaff. Very hot and calm. At 4 P.M. lowered for blackfish but without success

Tuesday Sep 16th Lat 0.47 S

Tacked at 7 A.M. and stood S.W. by W with a very light wind. Repaired the mizen topmast stay and backstays. There is some trouble between the Officers to day. At 4 bells this morning the 2nd mate came down from the mast head and walked the main deck like a mad-man and at last I (he) sent for the Captain, who was on deck and Isaac told requested his discharge from the ship. Lowered the boats at 4 P.M. for blackfish and Bar by dear got one, Brooks the Assistant hoisting him in. All right this

Wednesday Sep 17th Lat 16. S

Calm again. Going S by W with what little wind there is. Piped the Toggle irons over and hoped every moment that we shall have for Blackfish (for there is plenty around) to try their irons. Put a mat on the mizen topsail yard and repaired the jagged lashing. Intend to go Blackfishing Lat 56. to-morrow in the Blackfish boat this

Thursday Sep 18th Lat 0.54 S

Except a few cats paws it is a dead calm. Hastened the boat and let the ship run. Unrigged and repaired the fore topsail. Lowered the starboard boat twice this morning to pick up the Pigeon and Ringdove. Struck a large blue shark at noon. Extremely warm and sultry and standing in the Line standing in the fine. Have a fine wind to go to the West it is to obtain that it has but little power. This is the first time we have crossed the Equator

Indians kept a lookout for a sail from the

Friday Sep 19th Lat 0.54 N

Ships St Peter Friday Sept 17th Lat 33m & 56° & 1851
Light and variable winds steering close hauled to westerly
Repaired the fore Cutlock shrouds and fore topmast shrouds

Saturday Sept 20th Lat 0.46 S
Light winds and fine weather steering close hauled S.W.
& W by S till noon then went about and steered S.E. on a wind
the weather is a little cooler now we have a breeze but is
still very warm The wind towards night gradually hauled
westward and at sunset we could steer S by E on the wind

Sunday Sept 21st Lat 1.36 S
Held a course due S with a light westerly wind This morning
we took the fish that was caught on the coast and threw them
overboard because they were rotten and the smell that come from
them was enough to choke the whole ships company
At 4 P.M. altered the course to S.S.E. wind N.W.

Monday Sept 22nd Lat 2.10 S
Steered S.S.E with a light breeze from N.N.E. Cleaned
the starboard fore chains, and served main royal rigging
The wind is variable as it generally is before the change of the
monsoons which will probably change early this season
Tarred the starboard chains and the iron work around the bow
In the evening the wind hauled to N.E. steering S.S.E by W

Tuesday Sept 23d Lat 2.46 S
Fine weather with light and variable winds steering S.W. by S
Cleaned the larboard fore chains and painted them in the room
and the main chains in the afternoon besides repairing the lifts
the main topsail yard. In the evening the wind [illegible] took in topsail and mizen topgallantsail

Wednesday Sept 24th Lat 3.12 S
Stood E by S with a good breeze from S by E Cleaned and
painted the mizen chains on both sides Capn Hemp is put
sick to day Fly jib and main topgallantsail set

Thursday Sept 25th Lat
Steered S.W with a good breeze from S.S.E Took up some old
junk for sinnet and spunyarn and began making sinnet
Tacked at 8 P.M and stood E by S.

Friday Sept 26th Lat 3.30 S Lon 36.30 E
Fresh breeze standing E. & S. Cleaned and tarred the fore
boat the larboard lifts and gave the chains another coat of tar
Capn Hemp is convalescent

Saturday Sept 27th
Stood S.S.W with a light wind and sighted 2 canoes to leeward
E.S.E & S to bearing S West off at 9 for Cow Island till tail
At 5 P.M made the land and lowered the larboard and Weld
boats and pulled ashore for eggs but after we got ashore not an
egg was to be found save half a dozen mean of last hawks eggs and
those were rotten Since we were here last 3 months we have buried
out of the Barque Emma of London Master Davies master
Their names were W.T. Angell and W Smith Angell died the
9th of June 1851 Aged 37 years Smith died the 30th of June 1851
aged 29 years The Ship had been in Navy Bay and the men had
taken the fever of which some others had died A single board
marks their resting place on this desolate island simply
stating their names ages and the day they died They are buried
close to the beach where the breakers wash up with a continual
roar and the wild sea birds scream their funeral
dirges over their lonely graves The night was still and calm
and [illegible] the earth and sea as we left

Ship Of Ice Sunday Sep 28 98. Sea shells
Fresh breezes and cloudy weather. Raised a sail at ½ past
8 A.M. on the weather beam. At 8 about ship and gave chase. At 10
he ran across our bows and hove to and set his colors. Sent
the Starboard boat and pulled aboard and found her to
be Barque Marcella Cap. Winslow She has taken 40 bbls spe
since she saw her in Johanna. At 4 P.M. Mr Ryder lowered for
Sea fish without success. Returned aboard at 6 P.M. after wh
we lowered the Larboard and waist boats for Sea fish
but without success again. Was so fortunate as to get a
navigator from one of the forward deards. At 8 P.M. raise
another sail on the lee bow. At sunset Bonney island
8 Leagues distant 8 miles. Tacked and stood East

Monday 29th

Fine breezes and pleasant weather. At ½ past 7 raised a
sail and gave chase for we are bound to join with
each other for the next 8 weeks. Spoke her at
8 past sail at 9 and at 11 she ran across the stern of the Barque
Dolphin Capt Cutler who came aboard. At 3 the Marcella
came down and Capt Winslow came aboard. At ½ past 8 on
Capt's Cutler and Winslow went aboard the Dolphin
the Marcellas boat. We braced forward and stood East

Tuesday Sep 30th Lat 2.49 S
Stood easterly with a light and rather variable wind.
Repaired the lifts and foot ropes to the main topgallant yard
At ½ it was a dead calm Lowered the Topsails by the caps
and hoisted up the canvas Barque Dolphin 10 miles off on the lee

Wednesday Oct 1st Lat 2.21 S
Perfectly calm. The topsails were hoisted home at daylight &
boats soon lowered again. Sent down the fore and mizen Topgallan
yards and masts. The Dolphin is 10 miles to leeward with
everything down. Whitewashed the Spanker and fore Topgallant

Thursday Oct 2 Observation
In the morning it was calm and rainy till ½ past 11 whe
it cleared up and a good breeze sprung up from S.S.E. steer
N.E. by E under all sail. Made sail and turned to sea

Friday Oct 3d Lat S. 22. 2
Light winds Steering N.E.by N. Rove new main Topgallant
braces - whitewashed the forecastle - put hinges on the cabin
deadlights &c &c. At 3 P.M. Mr Ryder raised a breach and we
left off to E.N.E. but seeing no more of it kept on the old co
course

Saturday Oct 4th Lat 1.38 S
Steered the course E.N.E. having a light but steady
breeze from S.S.E. Hailed the last boat aboard

Sunday Oct 5th

Stood E.N.E. with a good breeze from
S.S.E. under all sail. The sabbath has come again with
fresh pork for dinner a thing that rarely occurs aboard
the Old Ship. The labors of the week are laid aside
and we have time to read and to be engaged with ones
own thoughts which naturally revert to the scenes of ho
home. To think how he used to spend this time there an
compare it with the way it is spent here. There it was
in attending church but there it is spent in various w
Some read, some sing, some sleep and some do nothing
at all. Spending their time in idleness and ignorance
To day Thursday a.m. Obtained Longitude for the 26th
of Sept 1871 miles E. Lat 5.08 S Last took the wheel last
watch last ... Lat. ... and 1st is first watch.
Rained till 11 A.M. Then had fair wind 5 P.M. ...

Ship J. Peter October 6th Seychelles To Lat 4.51 S Lon 55.11 E 79

Fine weather and moderate breezes from S Steering N W by N
Plaited sinnet and repaired Cuttock Shrouds to the main top-
gal.nt rigging besides pitching a mat on the main Topgalnt yard
Caspin Almy pulled a tooth for me in the morning In the
evening the course was altered to N. W. with a fine breeze.

Tuesday Oct 7th Lat 2.08 S

In the morning it was almost calm but soon came on
to blow a light breeze and looked squally. The weather soon
cleared up and was pleasant the remainder of the day. Steered
W.N.W the wind variable. Made sinnet and fixed the larboard
cuttock shrouds to the main Topgallant rigging &c &c.

Wednesday Oct 8th Lat 2.59 S

Moderate winds from S W going close hauled about W.S.W
Rattled down main Topgallant rigging, made sinnet &c
Caspin caught a good many small albacore Got up a tow line
and tarred it and coiled it away on the house to dry for a
bare line in case we should happen to loose one Shirley mar-
line tub yesterday and a cover to day. Coiled the tow line in the

Thursday Oct 9th Lat 4.00 S

Strong breezes from S W by W with pleasant weather Steered
hauled S W by W. Handed the fore and mizen topgallant sails
at 2 this morning Finished making sinnet and spliced &
coiled rope yarns for spunyarn

Friday Oct 10th Lat 4.39 S nearly 56.00 E

Tacked ship at 7 this morning and stood close hauled S E
with a good breeze and fine weather Spliced and coiled
rope yarns for spunyarn Tacked at 10 and stood W.S.W

Saturday Oct 11th 3.51

Fine weather with fresh winds Standing close hauled S
by E We have been getting very bad bread for the last few
weeks and I was going to speak to the Capn about it To day
on examining the bread I found it to be good enough
some on the top and the cock was too lazy to overhaul it
and get out the good so I gave up the idea of speaking to the

Sunday Oct 12th Lat 3.51 S

Moderate winds from S Steering W.S.W Set the mizen
stay sail at 6 A.M and the fore at 8 P.M wind Lulling

Monday Oct 13th Lat 3.14 S

Light winds from S Steering W Unrolled all sail Finished
Coiling yarns and began making Spunyarn We have got to
the East Ends to the Seychelles group which are nearly 600
miles to the southward with a head wind and a strong cur-
rent of 18 nearly, and water is getting rather scarce.

Tuesday Oct 14th Lat 3.10 S

Nearly calm till 3 P.M when a very light wind sprang up
from W.S.W Steering S. Saw a Humpback and some Bracke
Grampuses &c but nothing of value to us. Made and finished
the spunyarn and turned in main Topmast rigging &c It
evening the wind fell again to a dead calm

Wednesday Oct 15th Lat 3.28 S

Light winds from the southward Steering easterly
under all sail. Finished making spunyarn and began
reaming the fore Topsail Sheets. Very few Birds & Humpbacks
Grampuses and Humpbacks can be seen This is a
Topsail sheets so often in nothing but a calm
for it is only Scraping off
from the sides of Rubbing the

So Ships Co. Piped Hammocks Thursday Oct 16th Lat by obs 1.45 Long 1.168
In the morning the Cutter was sent from 1 to 4 bells
for last night a little to the southward and could not be able
to steer close hauled P.M. Painted the iron work around the
ships side with a composition of lamp black and tar
mixed with oil and turpentine. Continued cleaning the fore & main

Friday Oct 17th Lat by obs 1.15
It is nearly calm again and what little wind P.M. 6 hours P.M. by log
there is is rather variable Tacked at 11 A.M. at 3 mls p h = 18 mls 2 qrs
and stood as making 18 miles
is to Time Co 8 miles
to diff of Lat 10 miles
Weather pleasant but hot diff 18 miles
Good sailing 2 years have now passed over
our heads on board the good old "Saint" and still we
see the same grumbling, whining set by cant ridden Lat by D R 1.15
slaves who can see all the comforts of home, friends and an enlightened
society for the sake enriching those who would see you perishing
from starvation and nakedness before they would give you one
single penny to save you from your forlorn condition Employed
in bend sheets as we scrape through everything aboard of this ac-
cursed and in the afternoon painted them Although I have spoken
in such figurous terms of our employers I would not be guilty
throwing such odium on our Officers; for there is not a ship
in this ocean in which the men are better treated than in
this one There are privileges granted to us which are with-
held by the most of the masters of other ships! Oh dear. The wind
shifted at 10 in the evening and we tacked and stood P.M.

Saturday Oct 18th Lat by obs 1.00
In the morning it was nearly calm and the topgallant sails
were lowered but the wind freshened during the forenoon
and they were hoisted again at 8 o'clock had a good breeze the
rest of the day steering P.M. I began to learn Jack Adams
to read Finished scaling the 1st vol of Life and voyages of Columbus

Sunday. Oct 19th Lat + 0.24 N
Light winds steering westerly under all sail There was
a heavy dew last night The wind for a few days past
has hauled abaft the beam & points to the eastward at night
during the day the nights are almost calm, and in the
afternoons a moderate breeze springs up.

Monday Oct 20th Lat
Light and variable winds Steered a course due S till
11 A.M. when the wind knocked us off to S by E.
Reefed Main royal Shook; Reefed Mizen royal Shook; Reefed
Mizen topsail backstays in the wake of the mizen topsail yard and
cleared the Main topsail sheets &c &c Broke out a cask of
bread from the steerage We expected to get good bread
from the deep cask but are sadly disappointed for it is
full of the bread worm which flies out and all over
with small holes. Not a single piece is clear of them

Tuesday Oct 21st Lat
The wind continues light and variable Tacked at 4 A.M.
standing S. Easterly Painted the main topsail sheets
and topsail Reefpendants & the footropes to the fillmore In the afternoon
had a squall P.P.S. Rattled down main topmast rigging
We are again in those heavy tides ripples which appear to run
all the year around in various directions How far to the
southward these extend I do not know. The first of this
was in about 6 degrees south where they were heard
to be heard for several miles in advance

Ship St Peter Wednesday Oct 22nd Lat 1.41 S 18[illegible]
The wind was light in the morning but increased during
day to a strong breeze steering S.E. with a leading wind; Dis-
ed light jobs in the rigging such as fitting mizen royal shrouds
nd topmast stays, making footropes to the jibboom and fitting
eadeyes for Sly jib guys. Numbers of flying fish came aboard in the evening
Took in fore to gallt sail at 7a Eve

Thursday Oct 23d Lat 2.48 S 52.58 E
In the morning had fresh winds but at 8 fell to a light breeze with cloudy
eather, Steered S.E. Set fore topgallt s'l at ½ past 6 A M
Hoisted a little sinnet and finished rattlines on the main topsail rigging

Friday Oct 24th Lat 3.07 S
The wind had hauled into the N.E during the night and
continued to blow from that quarter all day but very light
Steered close hauled So easterly. Came up with the head
igging and unshipped the dolphin striker, put a new heart
in it and shipped it again. Turned in and set up the rig-
ing again. Bent preventer jib guys and overhauled the fore
topgallant buckstays and renewed the service and bol cols

Saturday Oct 25th Lat 3.37 S
Light, variable, and unsteady winds with light squalls
steering So Easterly Large schools of fish like those se
on the coast can be seed in all directions with a large
number of Finbacks among them

Sunday Oct 26th Lat 3.02 S
Moderate and fair variable winds steering So West
A Barque passed to leward this morning steering about
S.W. Several finbacks came close to the ship to day an
we had a fine opportunity of viewing them. They appear to
have a spout holes but so near together that they are hard
to be seen from a single spout. They are able to extend the
jaws to a considerable distance by which the perform the
act of scooping which is done by turning on their side a
nd coming suddenly among them. In this way they catch
large numbers of fish on which they appear to live altogether
they also scoop up sharks when found among schools of fish
Took in the fore topgallt sail at 8 A.M. In the afternoon the
Barque came to the wind on the same tack as we are on

Monday Oct 27th Lat 3.35
tacked twice during the night. Stood E & N till 7 A.M. then
tacked & stood E & S Set fore topgallt sail at 6 this morning. Fine mo
and weather pleasant. At 1 P.M a large bone shark came aroun
the ship and stayed till near sunset This is the largest one
we have seen this voyage. Length 30 ft depth of hold 6 ft by guess

Tuesday Oct 28th Lat 3.32 Lon 35.54
Fine weather with variable winds. Steered Eastly till 1 past
A.M when we tacked and stood to the southward. Saw 3 sail
Set a safeguard on mizen topgallt and repaired tackle
locks In the evening gammed with the Barque U. States
of Nantucket Has now 750 sperm 22 mos out
Fine weather and

Wednesday Oct 29th
Stood Eastly with small breezes Overhauled and
set up the main stay & fore topgallt sheet

Thursday Oct 30th Lat 3.[illegible] S
A little after sunrise raised a lone bull whale. We
lowered the boats and in a little more than an hour
got fast to it. Killed it and [illegible]
ground [illegible] 12 M Commenced cutting in
at sunset. Saw [illegible]
The larboard [illegible]
[illegible] stood his [illegible]

Whales
Bejchelle

At Ship St Helena Friday October 31st Lat 3.39 S.
Cleared away the head in the morning putting the cask
in pots but the remainder of the lumber and started
with at 9 past H. J. H. Pilot E. & I. H. with a small bre
Seychelles Saturday 1st Nov Lat 3.5
Continued boiling ~~All the forenoon~~ Weather pleasant
moderate breezes Standing to westerly. Sighted Praslin
& Pot bearing S W by W
Sunday Nov 2nd Lat 4.19 S Lon
Finished boiling at 8 this morning. A little before day
broke and stood E. at daylight Praslin was astern abo
about distant bearing W by W In the afternoon cleared
the pots The wind light and weather pleasant
Monday Nov 3d Lat 4.20 S
In the morning it was calm with pleasant weather but
soon it came on to rain and was squally the remains
of the day the wind light and unsteady from East & West
steering Southerly We are now standing off to the eastward
into the light of the banks and there is only 5 or 6 days wa
on the ship at this present and the monsoons are about chang
and we are liable to have a calm which may last for two
or more weeks. The wind hauled at 9 to S. at 4 fresh a
couple W. by W with an unsteady breeze Land is just in
sight from aloft bearing W by S
Tuesday Nov 4th
Unsteady and variable winds from the northward and
light showers steering W by W Praslin a little on the
starboard bow Took up and put breakers in the casks
in the fore hold At sunset it came on a dead calm
Wednesday Nov 5th
Light winds and calms. Stood in towards the
N.E. E. Took up the cable and stopped away the
expecting to be in in a short time for there was a fresh sea
but we were disappointed for it came on again calm till 1 P.M.
In the afternoon there came on a light breeze and we
were all eyes and ears expecting to go in as the harbor was
more than 8 miles distant but we were foiled again for
it came on a dead calm at 8 just as we passed the point
of Praslin is called There we played Tom Tit
Thursday Nov 6th
At daylight got out the boats and commenced to
tow and for a while we got on quite well but at sunrise
the wind hauled dead ahead and we could scarcely
budge the vessel an inch However after towing for
an hour and a half in that way we got past the point
of Curieuse was able to keep off a little and fill away
for St Anne steering to my aid at the head got a
breakfast of pork and pease and cocoa about 9 o'clock in the morning
which was relished as we had had nothing since
6 Bells of the first watch. Then served up after which we stood
60 lbs of oil in the after hold This job was finished at
10 evening. Stood a 4 hour watch with J Shaw. 12 to 4 A.M.
Friday Nov 7th
Hailed one gang ashore for wood and another for
water Goodwin Parker Mc Dougall Langdon M Lo
towing the first watering except Carpenter & Holmes
for 3 first loads of wood and 14 casks of water
Finished at 4 P.M. for water at 7 evening. After that
Boyden Henry & Parker for and myself went ashore at Adric
Saturday Nov 8th
Began stowing water at daylight and finished about
8 o'clock. After that the Starboard watch went ashore
on liberty Finished getting wood
Starboard watch 6 A.M.

Ship St Peter Sunday Nov 9th Praslin
Starboard watch ashore with all but the capt'n and 4 men
the Starboard watch which stayed till 3 P.M. I went ashore
8 in the evening and stayed all night Starboard watch ashore

Monday Nov 10

and 7 pipes of water, Hoisted it in at 4 P.M. Stowed 3 pipes in the
re sold the rest on deck Rigged the evening very pleasantly ashore
Madam Davies house Ladies smashed on rose cordial

Tuesday Nov 11th

It 8 hove short but there was no wind and we did not take the
nchor till about 11 last night were obliged then to tow 2 boats &
w her around the rocky point. A light breeze took us out p
ere towards the eastern passage. Went ashore at Laligue and
boat load of cocoanuts Got aboard at ½ past 4 P.M. Stood
ut E.N.E. with a light unsteady wind from the westward

Wednesday Nov 12th Lat 3.23 S

Noticed the anchors and cables at 7 A.M. Stood northerly pi
steady winds accompanied with hard squalls Reefed Foresail
ave it sail to leward

Thursday Nov 13th Seychelles

In the morning Took several hard squalls; double reefed
e topsails and furled the mainsail. It rained hard mo
the morning but after noon came on pleasant. Turne
e reefs out of fore and main topsails at 1 and reefed
ain at sunset. Mainsail set and furled at the same time

Friday Nov 14th

el all sail at 6 A.M. standing S.S.E. and S.E. by E. with a li
eze & weather fine. Varnished and painted the inside of the boat
at and seized blocks on the main shrouds for Crojick braces

Saturday Nov 15th Lat 3.26 S

ne weather and light winds Steering W.S.W. till noon the
ll the rest of the day. Went down the fore topsail at 6 A.M.
d repaired it. Bent it at 8 P.M. Painted the starboard boat
d the boat on the house Capt'n Almy is quite ill

Sunday Nov 16th

Stood S.W. by W. with a light breeze and fine weather till
ee in the P.M. to see what she was hauled to the wind
d the main topsail laid to the mast, Took in light Sail
nd furled the mainsail Towards night a heavy mass of dar
louds gathered to windward threatening squalls but they
roke away at 9 and the Evening had fine

Monday Nov 17th Lat 3.44 S

Braced forward at sunrise standing W.S.W. Saw land
ahead of Agincourt Island at 8 A.M. was in shoal wat
Tacked off a little to clear the banks and resumed our cours
½ past 8 Light winds from S.S.E. with fine weather. Hill
at Fat Rocks on the main Top gallant sail Sighted low
land at 3 P.M. at 6 tacked and stood S. with a view
Carey see to clean the Steerage and cabin Gun Room

Tuesday Nov 18th Mahe Island

Tacked at ½ past 7 in the morning and stood to the westward for
Cow Island. Made a new set of jib pennants or sheets.
sighted Cow Island at 10 A.M. but was unable from the light
of the wind to make the land. It came on squally at 5 and
ined till sunset, when the weather cleared up and was pleasant

Wednesday Nov 19th

Were unable to get in the morning and stood in W.N.W. for
Cow Island. At 10 o'clock we were about 6 miles off shore, lowered
the yawl & boats and pulled ashore. We found no
ater but the capt'n shot several small birds and took the
eggs and went outside the reef and caught a few fish
ut saw not green turtle. but they were shy and we did not
t any. Harry painted the skids and boats iron work
e inside the ships sides Mate and watch employed in
[illegible] night before we got under way

[illegible] Hoisted Throughout [illegible] Sounded
[illegible] hours from Tahiti ship at 4 P.M. and stood
E till 11 A.M. Fine E.N.E. till 3 P.M. then S.E. by S. till 6
P.M. then S.E. by E. till 8

Whip St Peter Wednesday Nov 26th Royal Hoss 8th
Pleasant weather and fresh breezes from N N Steering W S W
under all sail Now the heavy weather has come on again the
Ship makes considerable water; so much that we are obliged to
pump twice in 24 hours amounting to 6 & 800 strokes SW When
on the weather quarter with all sail but Tacked at 2 P.M.
and stood E.S.E. At sunset the old Barque is on the Lee quar
Began making new fullock shrouds for Topmast rigging fore
and aft These are homeward bound Wings. Tacked at 10 Eve. S W

Thursday Nov 27th

Light and variable winds Steering Westerly Carpenter repairs
Fore, and after Lower hatches. Old barque out of sight
Trees Cove bears S W. 35 miles distant. Stood in till 10 Oclock in the
-ening when we tacked and stood off so the Northward with a very fi
Breeze, Harry is making sinnet for a work up job Tapped hose and tub for
nutting off

Friday Nov 28th

The wind continues light and rather variable from S W Tacked at
8 A.M and stood S.W.Wly At sunset headed N.N.W
There is but little to do now about the rigging so we are
making "homeward bound" rigging Finished fullock shrouds &
Royal gaff

Saturday Nov 29th Lat 2.48 S.

Light and baffling winds steering Northerly till noon then
tacked and stood in to the West'ard this morning put the
main hold Hereafter it will be done once a week The ship
does not leak but little this light weather pumping only
about 300 Strokes per. day A small hawk came aboard at 3 P.M. Caught

Sunday Nov 30th

We are N E of Fanning Island about 60 miles steering Southerly
In a light and baffling wind under all sail Cloudy Squalls
passed again but it brings no frost and snow with its
The weather is warm and pleasant as in the midsummer
of northern climates. I have almost forgotten the season
because the weather here is as warm as Summer
About 10 A.M raised breaches on the weather beam and at 12
lowered the boats It could not see whales from aloft at the
time but after an hours strong pulling we raised them from
the boats All 3 boats soon got fast and the Starboard and Waist
fixed their whales up in a short time but ours run and sounded
for 3 hours The first iron broke and the 2nd one held by only 1 flue
About 4 Mr Ryder came up and fastened to the whale and 2 boat being
just to windward of him in about an hour Mr Lee had killed his
whale without waiting for him and chased the school but when
he went back to work for he could not find it and was obliged
to go aboard without it This Ryder took his whale alongside
the Ship Lee and we got alongside at 11 PM. The Vessel himself
miles This is what draws the bones written in the Summons.

Monday Dec 1st

Turned to at daylight and began cutting in. At 8 raised a
school of whales at 9 finished cutting and covered the last
as quick as possible We went on in about an hour & 1/2 and gallied
them Chased to leward for 2 hours when Mr Ryder fastened and
we went on but did not get fast The whales went to leward again
and in 3/4 of an hour Lee went on again but did not fasten on account
of his darting the whale iron Thirty after the last fast to one
and drugged and then but a loop of that line off and we
were all hard up again. This took place a little before dinner
When the Ship Island came along We got aboard at 3 P.M.
after pulling 12 miles to windward Cooked supper and

Tuesday Dec 2nd

Lay in the while in the morning and started the casks
on Right up a head while at 10 A.M. the Island

[illegible] Put to the whale and continued boiling light winds
pleasant weather standing to the westward

Thursday Decr 4th

This morning it came on to rain and was obliged to
down till 8 Oclock when it cleared up so that the w
was started again and finished boiling at noon all
the stuff the weather holds pleasant with light win
standing to the westward. Ship Barnett hove in sight

Friday Decr 5th

Broke out [illegible] between decks and got out 16 hundd
& shooks besides a set of cars for the Ship Barnett
Rowed the Barque Indian Capt Moore and at 10 A M
Covered the west boat and pulled Capt Almy abo
She is now 20 months out with 350 Sperm Bought 10 bbls of
her and took it aboard Crosier Kennedy Islands distd
N by W at 8 A.M. In the afternoon it came on nearly ca

Saturday Decr 6

Calm or nearly so or just wind enough to keep us from dri
on to Barnetts island. The old whale is a little farther
shore than we are. However a light breeze sprang up at
and we gradually edged off to the Northward. A Barque
ship hove in sight ahead and on the lee bow. She ship
through heads about 8 o'clock P.M. We were unable from
lightness of the wind to be at the scene of action

Sunday Sunday Decr 7th Moderate

The main yard was hoisted in the night but was brai
Lowered at 6 A.M. and stood N W with a light br
towards night the Barque Wales and Maria came by
and had a gam. At 9 Cam Hyder went aboard with
to carry letters as she is expected to go home soon

Monday Decr 8th between Penney & Cow is

All hands turned up to scrape the oil for stowing
Pleasant fine with light breezes in the morning and
calm in the afternoon. Finished scraping the oil and
and the after hold taking out the wood Emptied the middl

Tuesday Decr 9th off Cow Island

Broke out 62 bbls of meat from the after hold and al
Down 70 bbls of oil found a few bbls of meat that
more like carrion than beef and the "old man" to let
cook to use that first. I think I will go down earlier ha

Wednesday Decr 10th

Light and unsteady winds steering Northward & Eastward
Set up shooks for oil casks In the afternoon there was
dead calm but in the evening it came on blowing with
squalls

Thursday Decr 11th Lat 8.38 S

Cloudy weather with light and variable wi
holding a course N 70 W by W Penny's Island
on the Westerly quarter about 14 miles distant
We have been labored this distance from it for th
gradually drifting to the eastward. After supper
this evening [illegible] went off to see about cutting th
boat that was broke out for us Tuesday He was not
surprised at this although he appeared to be ill pull
the wool over our eyes He plainly stated to him our
grievances and wants in a respectful manner which
made him loose up a little telling us how he had
lived on whale and blackfish meat for a time on the
Northwest. But this would not go down with us and we
demanded satisfaction. He saw we were in good
[illegible] so after while promised to give us good [illegible]

Ship of the Weles Off Silly Groups N. Seychelles
Light and variable winds from the southward steering W
In the morning sent down the mainsail and patched it
with thin white cloth Bent it at 8 P.M and sent down
the old mizen Topsail bending a new one in its place
In the evening took a light squall from S.W the sails in s

Saturday Decr 13th

Light winds and calms Had a long spell of swimming
this morning before Breakfast Wet the fore hold for the
first time. We have drifted far to the eastward of the island
this long calm. 2 sails have been in sight since the 9th 1 ship 1 b

Sunday Decr 14th

Showery with very variable and unsteady winds so that
we are bracing this way and that every few minutes
The Brandt and States was on our lee quarter at 7
before but they stood off to the southward and were
out of sight at 4 P.M. Had a turn of the sick headache

Monday Decr 15th Lat 5.22 S Lon 56.
Cloudy weather with light and variable winds
Began the weeks work by putting on missing rattlin
in the main and mizen rigging and a few other lig
ds. Evening was squally Till 11 o'clock Light and Var

Tuesday Decr 16th

Fine weather with moderate breezes from W steering S by E
Tried bungs, Trapped for sheet blocks At 4 P.M a heavy
squall 5 miles to windward. Supposed to be the Catarina at
took a light squall at sunset from the S.W. Gasted at
it stood W.S.W. & Hoogt was taken quite ill this mo

Wednesday Decr 17th

Moderate and variable winds steering close hauled to
N.W. Filled sheets shrouds to the mizen topmast
going on the weather side The weather is cloudy with
fine squalls Carried the main topsail sheet ranbo
taking ship at 8 o'clock this morning The wind va
ssling all day. Coiled a new line for the starboard boa

Thursday Decr 18th

Cloudy with baffleing winds standing to the westward
Fe trained head most of the afternoon and evening
holding a course due W when the wind would allow
Took in light sail at 10 eve

Friday Decr 19th

set all sail at 6 A.M
Fleeged S.W till noon when we made Cow Island
and hoped off to E.S.E of sixes starboard tacks shroud
to the mizen rigging At 4 P.M hauled on the wind with
the larboard tacks aboard steering N.N.W. all sail set

Saturday Decr 20th

Stood in to the westward with a moderate breeze & smooth
W saw a sail on the lee quarter At noon tacked and stood
S.E. by S. At 3 P.M tacked; hauled up her mainsail
tacked her main and down hill Immediately hoisted
& hoisting sheets after whales; but getting down
here found it nothing but blackfish Hoisted
we can more sail and read Hector Warren
Perused the usual compliments and Capn Cook
final Mr Warren for Mauritius for Mrs Cook
sent out to the end of this some news such as
the Resolution & Discovery Sir John Franklin expedition
to have between the English and American ships
in the Eastern Seas brings a report of the loss of the
Whaler Sultan on the coast of Africa and the

Bark Delphine
Marie Anne
(Captain)

Squally most of the day. standing westerly in
afternoon when we tacked and stood to the northward
Light sail was taken in during the night and se
at 6 A.M. We had quite a specimen of Kanaka ferocc
this evening While the squall at 4 Oclock was at it
height the it blew off his hat but throwing his jack
over it secured it and was putting on his jacke
when his hat blew off again. and this so enraged
that he took an ax that lay and pitched it overboa
then his jacket. This rather cooled his anger a lit
and he knocked off to find in up to oder hat

Monday Decr 23rd

Unsteady and variable winds heading in to the W
A swift is astern gradually gaining on us. At 4 P.
it came up with us and we were a little surpris
to find it the old Maria. Capn Moore She is 2 da
out from Kraslin Their crew kicked up a fools row
last night and tried to get the Barque sometimes
but they went to work the wrong way as the Capn
at Make clapped the darbeys on them and put
them aboard and sent them aloft a The vessel is
probably not so crowdy but the men did not
understand the ropes so their plans were defeate
We took a man from her belonging to Joanna

Duesdey Decr 23d

Moderate breezes and fine weather steering to
Northward and Westward with the Starboard Tac
aboard The Maria is standing the same way
to Zanzibar and from there home Tacked at
noon and stood Southward till 6 P.M when we tac
again and stood to the N'd and W'd Saw

Wednesday Decr 24th Lat 2,22 S

During most of the day we had unsteady winds
accompanied with severe squalls Tacked about 4 times
all day In the evening we boarowed the Captains fiddle
and had quite a pleasant time for Christmas Eve.
But I had the hardest time afterwards for when I turn
out at 12 oclock to stand the middle watch there
a very dark squall a standing down the weather fo
Braces around to the lee bow We had hardly got
our eyes trimmed before it came like a whirlwind
striking us on the lee bow and [illegible] us
aback & almost carried away our light spars We got
the light sails in in a jiffy. and hauled up the mi
sail and spanker The old man rushed on deck
but finding everything all right turned in again
This squall is the hardest I have seen for a long ti
The rain poured down in torrents and the quick fl
of lightning blinded us at every step while the almo
continued rattling of the thunder almost deafened
us. Furled the light sail just before 12 oclock myself
O'Hara & the Dain Jo Gabbit sail and John & Da
to the Jolly jib. This is keeping Christmas eve with
will I must not forget to say that Harry filled his

Thursday Decr 25th

At 8 A.M made sail on all sail standing about S.W
a fine as much wind as we can take. cared of from Wo
Braces new top sail braces and standing part of the
Jolly Lo Hope Weather pleasant Also made a be

Ship St. Peter Friday Decr 26th Lat 49 Long 2
Fresh winds and cloudy weather steering close hauled
to Westerly with main topgallantsail and fly jib Broke
out a bbl. of tar from the fore hold Chapping blocks
or studding sail gear is the general business on hand
At 4 past 10 A.M a severe squall struck us carrying away
our main topgallantsail and tearing the fly jib John Joe
and myself went up and sent down the sail which we
ended this afternoon At 11 double reefed fore and main
and single reefed the main topsail At 12 M. the wind
fell and it was nearly calm the rest of the day Weather
cloudy with light showers. A Barque is close to on the lee bow

Saturday Decr 27th Lat 49 3 0

Turned the reefs out of the topsails at 6 A.M. and at 8.
set main topgallantsail and fly jib Tacked several times
during heading about S.W. & S. In the evening it came on
squally; took in light sail Began refitting the after boats

Sunday Decr 28th

Squally weather with variable and unsteady winds Split
struck several times this morning and the deadlights
being open the cabin was flooded for 3 Times or more. Ca.

Monday Decr 29th

Broke out between decks and two bolts of canvas from
sail cask and sewed 4 cloths together to put in the foresail
At 4 past 11 the Barque Hector run of across our stern
and we had a gam At 1 P.M. it came on to rain and rained
right out stopping till 4 P.M. Clewed down topsails & upsd
and double reefed at 4 fine weather for gamming.

Tuesday Decr 30th

Sent down the foresail and began to mend it
but it came on to rain at 1 P.M and we were obliged
to knock off for the rest of the day In the morning
the wind was fresh from N. steering W with main top
gallantsail and flying jib out but when it came on
to rain the wind became variable. Took in light sail
at 1 P.M and double reefed topsails and furled the
mainsail at 4 P.M. Evening cloudy but no rain.

Wednesday Decr 31st

Finished the foresail and sent it up at 10 A.M. The weather
continues equally with variable and unsteady winds
Down the northwest steering the following courses viz
At 4 till 4 past 1 W.S.W till 10 A. S.W by W. till sunset when
we luffed to the wind heading about W. & W. Set in
the jib at 5 P.M and stowed it in the steerage so we
have nothing out but double reefed topsails and
foresail Starboard watch below from noon till 4
P.M and Starboard boats crew the first watch out
Morning cloudy but without rain The gear we
have taken 13. Whales which stowed us 430 bbls
Have spoken 11 Barques and 1 Ship and have been
manning 18. times Have lost 1 man by drowning and
1 discharged on account of sickness The health
of the crew for here generally good as regards
sickness have not been sick 3 single day Another year has
come to its close and still we are preserved from dangers
and sickness and we all humbly hoping that before this
year will have passed we shall be enjoying ourselves at home

Situation of the Peyster Islands &c Viz. Peros

	Lat S	Lon E
Mahi harbor	4.35	55.31½ by lunars 55.36½ by chronometer 15 ds fr ma
Praslin N.58°E fm Mahe 23 mls.	S.W. 4.19	55.30 E Is are most Flat 200 f
Silhouette	Lat 4.27	S 55.18 E Landing difficult except in places 3
Dennis or Boija	3.49	-55.44.E A reef 1 mile N.W a reef 3 miles with coral rock
Sea Cows or Bird	3.40	S -55.18 E A reef of coral & sand N.W side low sand
French Shoal	Lat fm 3.55	to 4.01 54.42 E Coral rocks
Curieuse	N by E 2½ miles N of Praslin	Coral reef with 4 fath on S E and 4 1½
Sadigue E of	Praslin 3 miles	Fm Sadigue 6 mls S by E the Channels 2
Fregates	See Lat 4.32	S -56. E 55.0
Isle Recif	4.34	S 55.49 E variation of the compass 15.0

Amirants. W°

Eagle Island	5.08 S. 53.22½ E
Isle de Neuf	6. 53¾ S Southernmost island of Amirants
Marie Louise	7 miles E & N E is low and covered with bushes
Isle Boileau	6.11 S 52.55 E most western of the group is low with bu
Isle Seloille (Star Island)	6.57 S. 1½ E from Marie Louise 1¼ mls lo
Isles Poivre	5.43 S 53 20 E 2 small islands 1 mile distant N by E ¾ fm N E
Rocky Island	5.41½ S 53.42 E has a coral reef to the Northward & Westward
St Joseph	5.27 S 6 mls E of de Rose
Isle de Ross	5.24 S. 53.22 E
Isle Platte	5.48.½ S 55.27. E
Cortiny	7.14 S 56.32. E

St Anns Rocks abt 4 mls. the Brisers 2 rocks bearg S.E.½E. & N.W.½W, 7m N Brison N by W is a coral patch with 6 fath. Frm Brisers to Mamelles is seven Leagues-7.13.15 fath. at 1st. A musket shot W frm Mamelles is a rock with 6 ft water on it on which the sea breaks.- diffic ult to be seen in bad weather. ½ way between Mamelles and Praslin 2 sunken rocks covered at high tides close each other 2 or 3 cables length. N.E. & S.W. Sea breaks. E.E. Monsoon. Marks. Highest part of St Anns with Mamelles S pt of La digue bearg E Silhouette W.¾S. Frm these rocks E by N.½N is a reef of rocks called Le Frompeuse N.E of Frompeuse 2 Islds called the Cousins, cannot pass. N Cousin N.W. 4 or 5 miles is a dangr rock Baline. covd at high water 7m N Cousin ½ miles coral patch with 2½ 3 & 4 fath.

From Mozambique there is a variation of nearly 2 points in the compass to the westward which gradually increases till off cape Agullas where it amounts to nearly 3 points westerly and to the westward of the cape of Good hope it decreases again to about 15° W or a little more than a point

Ship Ab [illegible] Thursday January 18th Lat 1.38
Beg. Fresh breezes and pleasant weather. In the watch it is
setting weather suggested although the weather is pleasant the
atmosphere is quite thick and hazy so it is almost impass
to see about more than 2 miles from the ship Continues
the same close hauled about SE It almost looks like
rain and mizen topsails No the rugged weather is over
we are obliged to pump twice every 24 hours averages
from 800 to 1000 Strokes

Monday Jan 19th
Had a gasket for the bunt of the fore topsail and ma
a new strap for the starboard main topsail block &c
the weather continues pleasant with strong breezes fr
S.E. steering a course S.W. Spent a few moments this mo
[illegible] stuffed up for a breach. [illegible]

Tuesday Jan 20th Lat 2.15 S
At 7 A.M. sighted the coast of Africa and at 8 made
the land at the distance of 5 miles and [illegible] wore
ship standing off S.E. by E on the wind At the same time
raised a sail which turned out to be a dow.
The coast along here is low and sandy along shore be
in shore the land rises gradually and looks to be
wooded high mountains rise back in the interior but they are
covered with a thick haze so we could not judge of their
wooded Finished the gasket and a mat Took in main topg
sail and fly jib at 1 P.M. The weather is cool and pleasa
with strong breezes Kept off shore till midnight
Wednesday Jan 21st Lat [illegible]
Stood in shore till 2 P.M which land was just in
from sight and tacked and stood off E & S E on the
Starboard tack Employed making a gasket for the bunt of the foresail
stopped the main topsail sheetline blocks The wind
blowing from N.N.E. The weather cool and pleasant

Thursday Jan 22nd Lat 1.58 N
Made a bunt gasket for the mainsail and overhauled
the main bunt line blocks. Stood in N.W with a fresh
breeze from N.N.E till 11 A.M. then W till 1 P.M. when we
saw a sail and came to the wind on the starboard tack
at 2 P.M. the main topgallant sail and fly jib were set to
it blew so fresh when we tacked on the wind that we were
obliged to take in the main topgallant sail Double reefed the fo
and main topsails at sunset Gray is worse with showe
Friday Jan 23 Lat 1.25 N
Looked at 8 this morning and stood close hauled N by
till 12 past 6 when we kept off to W by N to make
fresh this morning that the reefs were not taken out
of the topsails At 11 past 4 P.M. the land was about 8
distant. Hove around and came to the wind with the la
tacks aboard Leading S.S.E. Double reefed the main top
sail and furled the mainsail at the same time
The coast appears to be a little more fertile and [illegible] high
land than where we were Tuesday. [illegible] but we are
so far from the shore we cannot tell whether it is
wooded well or not. One thing we can see for certain, th
is a long sandy beach that extends as far as we can
both ways. A dark haze rises along the shore so we are
not able to tell whether the land rises back in the
country or not Gray is worse to day than usual with
the exception [illegible] is about 8 by 4 P.M. like
[illegible]

Ship St Peter Thursday January 24th Lat 1.02 S

This morning Grey was worse and ~~at~~ about 7 A M he was taken with a violent pain in the lower part of the bowels The Captain came and gave him an injection of laudanum and we bathed his bowels in hot water for nearly an hour it seemed to ease the pain considerable. About 9 the Capt left me alone with him and in a short time he began to be restless entreating me to move him all the time and when I would move him to where he wished to be he was never satisfied but wished to be moved again. About ½ past 9 the pain left him altogether and his voice grew faint so that he could hardly speak aloud he complained of an odd feeling in his bowels. For a few moments after this he grew very quiet and I thought he was going to sleep or, that it was the effects of the laudanum but I soon noticed a catching in his breath which alarmed me and I called the men that were below to see him. They thought that something unusual was the matter with him and I sent for Captain: he came down immediately and said he was dying as Mr Almy said when he was down before that he would not live long but I did not think he would go so quick but his words were true and he was actually dying He never spoke after the Captain only uttered a few slight groans. He continued insensible till ½ past 10 when he quietly breathed his last without a groan his spirit was gone to meet its great account in the presence of all the earth its mortal form around him except the cook and at the helm but the whole who did not come to him till after he was dead Captain Gardner and Mr Almy were on deck and we were standing by the body in a few moments after he breathed his last we took him up and carried him aft and laid him on a board which was placed across the taffrail and then lashed his canvas shroud and sewed it up Captain Gardner then read the burial service over him and he was cast overboard from the starboard gangway Thus ended the life of George Arter and Captain Gardner

Ships Hr. Sheet Monday January 2[illegible]
Pleasant weather with a good breeze from N.E. steering S
Sunset the reefs out of the fore & main topsails, loosed
mainsail and furled the mizen Topsail at 6 A.M. Packs
the crojack yard and overhauled the brace blocks &
gave new crojack and mizen topsail braces. Finished
the gaff and set the sail at 11 A.M. At ½ past 11 la
ys to. At 2 to W.S.W and at sunset wore around and ca
to the wind on the larboard tack heading S.S.E.

Tuesday Jan 27th Lat 1.49.
At 7 A.M. squared away and stood W.S.W. with a good bree
Sighted the land at 10 A.M. At 3 we were close in sho
Packer and stood off S.S.E. close hauled There is
a range of Islands along here that look very fertile a
a few miles to the south[illegible] lies the Town of Pata

Wednesday Jan 28th Lat 2.12 S.
In the morning the wind was fresh but towards noon
it fell and in the afternoon it grew nearly calm Set m
to[illegible] mainsail and flying Jib stood N.N.E. Till noon as
then Tacked and stood S.S.E. Made a bunt gasket for the main Gaf
and finished a spanish mat and put it on the crojack ya

Thursday Jan 29th Lat 2.54 S
Fine weather with light breezes steering to the northw
Made a bunt gasket for the mizen Topsail finished
spanish mat and strapped block for main topsl reef tac

Friday Jan 30th Lat 2.18 S
The wind continues very light from N.E. by E. steer
close hauled about N.N.W. Put a new strap on the heel
of the jibboom and sent in the spanker boom and ove
the guy blocks. Also overhauled the mizen topsail sy
blocks This light weather relieves us at the pumps a
little having to pump only once a day Finished the
main halliards this morning. We have plenty of work to
about these Times especially when the Lat turns out a little a

Saturday Jan 31st Lat 3.15 S
As soon as the men got aft this morning Ferguson went
out for a breach on the lee bow and after they got the
wetting hold ran off and raised spouts about 9 am hove lo
breakfast We eat a hasty meal and lowered away at. I gett
fast in about an hour after bowing to a good cow As so
as Mr Ryder got fast the rest of the school made off to
windward We shared the school about 3 hours and gave it up
Finished cutting in and began to boil at 4 P.M. Weather fine
Had a strong breeze in the morning but it died away so that
in the afternoon it was nearly a dead calm A heavy tide sip
was running all the afternoon which can be heard several mile

Sunday February 1st
Finished boiling at 10 A.M. and cleared up decks which
kept us busy till noon In the afternoon we coopered the casks
as they shrunk which kept us busy most of the time so our
Sunday was rather short comings This is what none of us like
Although we are an unprincipled set we don't like to work on
Sunday better than any one else Had fresh winds and fine
weather steering close hauled to the northward under Topsls &

Monday Feb 2nd
The breeze holds strong..standing to the northward with main
topsl mainsail and fore sail set At sunset we were lying
down to it and the sea okey was pitching over head
over at every sea. Took in light sail only

Ship St Peter Tuesday Feb 3rd coast of Africa
We are into business again at the rigging To day Sent down and overhauled all the main topgallant bowlliard rigging At 10 A.M. raised a sail which turned out to be an Arab Dow. She stood along to the So. W. with all the sail she could muster looking like anything but a vessel of any kind "4" made sail and at 2 P.M. and tacked standing S.E. & In the evening tacked again and stood close hauled N.N.E. Lat 2.15.S

Wednesday Feb 4th Lat 2.13.S

Stood along the coast steering N.E. by N till 8 A.M. when we tacked and stood off S.E. & E. Had very light winds till we were near of land when a good breeze sprang up hauling a little to the Northward Heavy Tide rips run here as usual Getting about 10 A.M. & P.M. the current was so strong that it looked in some places smooth like a river making around a point and there was a long even swell on so that for some time there was scarcely any perceptible motion at all to the ship. All sail was set at 6 A.M. The coast along here is fertile and well wooded range of Islands stretch along a few miles from it for 3 or 4 degrees

Thursday Feb 5th Lat 3.08 S

Have ship at ½ past 6 A.M. and stood off S.E. under all sail with a light breese and pleasant weather This afternoon Saved and drilled ivory for Capn Almy. Send down and repaired foretopsail Tye rope and rove another fall to the halliards

Friday Feb 6

This morning at 8 O'clock the 3rd mate raised breaches on the weather bow and we stood along on the wind to the N.E. but saw nothing more till about 10 when more breaches were raised on the lee bow Kept off to N.W. and a little before saw spouts. As soon as we could get dinner we down with the boats and in a short time all the boats were fast. Mr Lee turned up his whale but was obliged to lay by him to keep him from sinking. Our line got foul of Mr Lee's and fast to his whale Mr Lee was fast to 2 whales at once One of them stove his line & but held the turn 'round his jaw till we killed him. We thought all the while it was our own whale and was much disappointed on finding it to be the worst boats whale I have never seen so many whales together at one time before Cows and Calves were literally piled on top of each other and much fighting among them that it was almost impossible to dodge and lance them We were stove considerable by a whale a short time after we got fast and was obliged to keep a constant sailing. Took the whales alongside at 7 P.M. and cut in one

Saturday Feb 7th

Commenced cutting at daylight and finished about 9 A.M. Put up the heads and got the case in the hold and began to boil about 5 P.M. Weather pleasant with strong breeses standing to the Northward under double reefed topsails

Sunday Feb 8th

At 8 A.M. picked up a dead Sulf whale. Continue boiling the weather continues pleasant with strong breeses steering S.W.

Monday Feb 9th

Finished boiling at 11 A.M. After dinner wet the hold and cleaned the decks The two boats of the ship are badly smashed in the bows and keel which is probably done by the sharp teeth of the sperm whale in their struggles to get away from the boat when they are fast to them. Our boats are also badly stove in their bows and keels from the same cause

Ship O.K. Sat Tuesday February 9th
Tacked ship at 10 Oclock in the morning and la
till 4 P.M. when a light breeze springing up and we
along close hauled about N.N.W till sunset when a
make around on the other tack heading E.S.E. close
The weather to day is very hot and sultry but we have
nothing to do so we get along quite well

Wednesday Feb 11th

Coopered the oil to stow in the forenoon and
the afternoon broke out the after hold takin
out the load and empty barrells at 4 P.M. kept off to N.W and held that course the remain
of the day with a light breeze from E.S.E. we
two empty oil and wood in the ford hold

Thursday Feb 12th

Stowed 1.05+10 bbls of oil in the after hold finish
at 4 P.M. The weather continues pleasant with ligh
winds steering N.W till noon then W by N till 8 P.M.
and then W.S.W bound to Zanzibar for recruits an
a run for all the fore and hands are touched with th
scurvy on account of eating so much salt Pork

Friday Feb 13th

We are all anxiously looking to see the city to day but
are disappointed at noon we were in Lat 3.59. S with
a light breeze steering W.S.W till in the evening wh
she was kept off to W.S.W. All sail set In the evenin
a strong breeze springing up Put up the new gaskets
have been making this morning and looked Topsl clewli

Saturday Feb 14th Lat 5.05 S

Sighted the Island of Pemba at daylight this morning
distant about 15 miles At 9 A.M. a French Balgue passed
us probably bound to Zanzibar We stood down along the
Island a few miles off shore steering S.S.W The Island
is well wooded and we saw evident signs of life there
a large number of fires that we saw burning during the
day About 4 P.M. the Island craft came to and stood off
shore as to the land We made the south end of the Island
N. distant and at 10 in the evening saw her Light on the
the Starboard bow having run till that time

Sunday Feb 15th

Braced forward and set all sail at 5 this morning
standing W.S.W but when the old man turned out at
seven he was sorry to find for land was close to us
the bow and he thought he had drifted back to the
north but on going aft saw Zanzibar to the southward
We had drifted to the southward and were near to the
main land during the night We steered up to S by E
and stood along down the Island which appeared to be well
cultivated At 8 P.M came to an an anchor off the city in
7 fathoms of water Found a French ship here and an
English ship and Bargue A French bargue came in about
an hour after we came to an anchor and anchored between
us and the shore The Captain went ashore at the American
consuls at 4 P.M and about 1/2 past 5 the 1st and 3rd mates
and a few of the men went ashore We found the English boat
to be Bombayans under English colors the Vice Consul
from Habre & Morris

Zanzibar

Ship St Peter Monday February 16th Zanzibar 52
The starboard watch went ashore on liberty On board broke out and coopered the barrells and cooperied the casks for getting water We found the city if such it may be called a vile old place The streets are very narrow and dirty The houses are mostly built of stone plastered over with mortar except the houses for the slaves which are merely huts built of mud & cocoa nut leaves The inhabitants are chiefly arabs of which there are many different Tribes The Bedouins are the most noted though least in number The whole place appears to be an extended market where anything almost can be bought from a penny whistle to an anchor Watch came aboard at sunset and went on board the Louise in the evening

Tuesday Feb 17

Roused all hands out at 4 this morning to go to get water at Matonie (the residence of the King) When we got there however we found no water and 2 boats returned aboard the ship Mr Lee returned again in a short time and cruised up along the shore but we had the water started before he came back so we managed after some delay to fill our kegs and tow it alongside about 4 Bells Hoisted it in and stowed it before sunset. Took ashore a part of the barrels &c &c went aboard the Louise and the new comers This evening

Wednesday Feb 18th

Larboard watch ashore on liberty Took ashore the remainder of the barrells and took off a quantity of oranges sweet potatoe &c It rained the best part of the day

Zanzibar

Thursday Feb 19th

Starboard watch ashore &c Took aboard oranges potatoes limes &c

Friday Feb 20th

Wet rainy weather Got off some yams &c and took the right whale bone ashore Shipped Francis & Dodge and Thomas Hefield before the mast Frank Dodge & Tom Hifield

Saturday Feb 21st Off Pemba

Rove short at 6 this morning but at 8 it came on to rain and blow a little and the old man being ashore the cable was run out again at 8½ the captain came aboard and at 9 got our anchor and stood out through the northern passage About 10 in the evening made the north point and stood to the eastward Weather showery with light winds from South

Sunday Feb 22nd " "

Made the south end of Pemba at daylight and hauled the ship on the wind heading about S E by S with a moderate breeze Took the anchors on the bow and stowed the cable at 6½ A.M. During the forenoon the wind was fresh but after dinner it fell to almost a dead calm At 3 took a squall and the wind freshened and headed ahead so we were obliged to tack at ½ past 3 to keep off shore Took in light sail and double reefed topsails at sunset

Monday Feb 23d " "

We beat all night between Pemba and Zanzibar and at daylight found ourselves between them still Made all sail and stood S.E. by S with a light breeze from N The wind gradually headed to S W during the morning & fell calm at noon. At 2 it breezed up and the wind headed us so we were obliged to Tack At 6 PM we was about

Ship St Peter Tuesday Feb 24th 1874

It was calm most of the night and this morning found we had drifted considerable to the northward between Pemba and the main land. A light breeze sprung up at 7 A.M. from the southward and we held a course till noon when we made the N point of Pemba and hauled to E.N.E. At 10 P.M it fell calm and we drifted in towards the main land The coast here is high and Mountain

Wednesday Feb 25th Lat 4.10 S

Had a light breeze at 4 this morning from the westward and stood off & on. Reefed the ~~sails~~ topsails. Set down main topsail sheet & tacks and stowing them as for the afternoon Lowered for Blacky but without success The wind headed us at 2 P.M and hove us off to N E falling nearly calm The land was in sight at sunset off deck on the Starboard quarter. Down this Night

Thursday Feb 26th 4.10

Stood close hauled S.E. with a very light breeze Painted the Inboard boat - Tarred the anchors - painted the larboard Cutters boats line tubs - repaired main topgallant sheeline blocks. Most of us are laid up with colds about this time and much hacking and wheezing is quite unnatural

Friday Feb 27th Lat 3.40 S

Stood close hauled S.E. by S with a moderate breeze under all sail Sent down the mizen topgallant yard rigged new foot ropes and repaired the lifts parral lashing & fid-hole mizen crosses. Also sent a new sail For the afternoon broke out between decks for shook heads

Saturday Feb 28th

Moderate breezes steering close hauled South & East. Took in fore topgallantsail Sat 6 P.M. Wet holed as usual The wind gradually fell so that in the morning it was quite calm A Barque passed to leeward of us bound in to the westward. probably to Zanzibar

Sunday Feb 29th

It came on calm early in the morning and continued so throughout the day. However she held her head to the S & E all although she made but little or no headway This afternoon by the aid of Frank partly succeed in the operation of getting through a Lunar In the evening a light breeze sprang up - tacked and stood close hauled S.E.

Monday March the 1st Lat 5.28 S

In the morning we had a moderate breeze from E steering close hauled N.N.E. under all sail Broke out in the fore & took out shooks for casks from B X 1 To 14 and set up several of them At 3 P.M it came on calm but a light breeze sprung up at 5 which freshened as the evening advanced Tacked and

Tuesday March 2nd

Moderate breezes from the eastward steering on the wind to the northward. Finished setting up shook casks and stowed them in the hold After supper set up the starboard jib and fly jib guys We are now bound back to the Red Sea and have got a head wind for our bloody comfort to beat 700 miles against

Francis A Dodge sick with the dysentery and a touch of the hill Beyond. Upset

[illegible] made at different times during the
[illegible] o'clock on the 17th of October by most of the crew of the good ship
Isabel were anxiously awaiting the appearance of the pilot who was to
be met out of the harbor. The day was pleasant and a fresh breeze was blowing
from the south ~~[illegible]~~ making the weather quite
warm for the time of year and the small coasting craft were spreading every
inch of canvas to the favorable breeze for it meant but a short time longer
that we could expect to plough the turbid domain of old Neptune upon which
in my fancies would never [illegible] for the season was busy
and [illegible] except for the to find an eye on Captain Ebert which was not to be
taken and the birds of passage and settlers in force ready at a moments
notice to take their leave to the various climes of the earth. All were ready,
[illegible] all sent up the "Yankee was aboard" but the Captain and Mate
[illegible] "all hands stand by to cast off" and we were not
waiting for about ½ past 12 the Pilot boat came alongside with the
[illegible] mate. As soon as their chests were aboard the topsails were
loosed and sheeted home and the [illegible] was soon dancing at her bows
[illegible] and quickly set and we were heading out of Buffalo's Bay with a
fresh wind from the S. That but little time was to look around for all eyes
were turned from the [illegible] for a few moments till almost sunset when the pilot left
telling the Captain to keep about S.W. and we should go clear of the Pilot Knoll
[illegible] which the captain called us all aft and made a short
speech that we were bound on a long voyage for those of us we were
to be a long time together he hoped we should be kind to each other
and observe obedience to the officers which would make [illegible]
[illegible] to live together like brothers and not to be quarrelling with [illegible]

Buffalo Bay 18 August

Ship S.L. Miller Wednesday March 3d to Sept 5 2
Continued standing to the N.E. with a moderate breeze
and pleasant weather. Set up the Larboard pil and fly
it guys The Mate begins to have the watches at night
again after a respite of some 10 months This morning he
came forward and caught Regent and Riley asleep and
ordered them to stay on deck till sunday They Tarred down
the top sail sheets This morning This afternoon got up
the Twine machine and made fishlines and seizing stuffs
Thursday March 4th Lat 3.53 S
Made more fishing lines and seizing stuffs The weather
continues fine with light winds & calm and we are still
going to the Northward and eastward under all sail It is
extremely hot and sultry this light weather and we are
anxiously waiting for a good breeze to make it comfortable
Friday March 5 Lat 3.01 S
To day we are favoured with a fine breeze but it is in our
teeth not being able to hold better than N.by E. & N.E. &
took a lot of old junk and began drawing & splicing rope yarn
Turned a few white oak belaying pins At ½ past 6 P.M.
saw a large school of Killers on the Lee Bow Mascarene
Saturday March 6th Lat 1.06 S
Moderate breezes from E. & standing close hauled N.E. &
Set hold in the morning and washed off and pumped ship
at 4 o'clock as usual Nothing occurred to break the monotony
Sunday March 7th Crossed the line
Saw several breaches this morning but they were so far
off that it was impossible to make them out Kept off 2
points & set fore-sail to the wind at 11 A.M. going about N.E. with a moderate breeze
Monday March 8th Lat 1 & 1/2 N
Sighted the coast of Africa at daylight and stood along
the shore close hauled N.E. by E. with a light breeze
Made spunyarn and rattled the larboard
main shroud putting on quarter seizings & knotting lanyard
knots Ryder and Lee had a ward light this morning but
no damage was done Tacked at 8 A.M. and stood off S.E.
till 8 in the evening when we tacked to the N.E. again
Tuesday March 9th Lat 0.09 S
Stood to the N.E. & East with a good breeze At 8 A.M.
Spoke the English Barque Conical Capt
Saunderland. bound from thence to Suez with coal
3 months this from home The mate went aboard in the Flat
boat with the P.B. crew except J Shaw Drawed and spliced
rope yarns and continued putting on quarter and rattle
seizings on the larboard main rigging The S. saw
a large sperm whale last evening The captain had
his family aboard - Wife - Son & Daughter Lat 1.44 S
Wednesday March 10th
Pleasant weather and strong breezes steering close
hauled S.E. & by E Saw a breach at ½ past 7 and ran off
W for 1 hour and luffed to the wind again Made
seizings and put on quarter and rattle seizings on the

Ships F. & L. Later Thursday March 11th to Day
The weather squally with very variable winds Tide
11 when it fell calm and remained so the rest of
the day The principal business of the day is the
making of bone & ebony canes. Also finished the Rigging

Hammocks did Friday Mar 12th

Calm and cloudy weather with showers all day The
Captain Turned a lot of hands and some to rigging
In the evening had a light and very variable wind day

Saturday Mar 13th

In the morning the wind was variable from the west
with showers steering E but in the afternoon the wind
came on fine and the wind hauled to the East & steered
close hauled N.N.E under all sail

Sunday Mar 14th Lat 39.1

Fine weather with light breezes from the S.W. steering
East Ptr noon it came on cloudy and threatened rain
but it cleared away at 5 and the wind hauled to S.S.E
holding the same by E by S at 8 PM it came on calm and
till

Monday Mar 15th

At 5 this morning a light breeze sprung up from S.S.E
course steered N.N.E till 8 when the wind hauled and we tac
to E.S.E. Took up and cleared out the bread kept it dry
it with the bean and rice sacks. Put the bread in sacks and
another small cask Commenced overhauling the mizen top
mast rigging and began making common sennit Frank sick

Tuesday Mar 16th Lat 38.33 Lat 38.0

Moderate breezes and fine weather steering close hau
S.E by E Braided tops yarns and made spunyarn and seizin
stuff Filled and sent up new fore royal rigging

Wednesday Mar 17th Lat 37.4

Turned in and set up the mizen rigging and fitted new
The weather is fine with light and unsteady winds steering
E Easterly In the evening took a squall from S.E & we
obliged to lash ship standing N.E. Full calm at 7 PM
This is the 2nd time within a few days that the squalls have
gathered to windward and passed beyond the bow and came up
from the leward We may now expect fine weather some few days

Thursday Mar 18th Lat 37.7

Weather cloudy with some rain Winds variable and unsteady
from the S'd & E'd There is nothing going on to day except
turning canes Frank is sick again with his old complaint

Friday Mar 19th Lat 37.6

It is a dead calm and the sun is pouring down his rays
with an intensity that almost beggars description Clewed
down topgallantsails and hauled down jibs and upcourses at
2 PM but at 4 PM took a light breeze which lasted but a few
moments and the sails were all set again but the mainsail
We managed to make a little seizing stuff and a little sinnet
besides serving the mizen Topmast rigging and the head of the
mast After supper several of us were was overboard swimming

Saturday Mar 20th

Light and variable winds steering to the Northd & Eastd
At 4 A.M. he lowered the main sail for the Pacific but without

Thurs 24 Rec Sunday March 21st Bound from coast to Seychelles
To day we have steady and moderate breezes from the Northard and
Eastard steering close hauled E by S. The weather is very fine and
pleasant This is such weather as sailors like sundays so they can lounge
round decks and have nothing to do but read or sleep as they like
occupied the forenoon in working lunars and afternoon in reading
&c. Sleeping &c. In the afternoon it fell nearly calm. Saw a brig to leeward

Monday Mar 22 Lat 7.23 S
In the morning had light breezes with showers steering close hauled
E.E. but at 10 A.M. took a squall from S.E. and we tacked to E.N.E.
took in fore & mizen topgallantsails and fly jib. Clewed up
the main topgallant sail but set it again after the squall
was over. Turned in and set up starboard fore topmast backstays
150 miles west of Africa

Tuesday Mar 23d 4.11
Squally with variable and unsteady winds tacking to the eastward
Turned in and set up a part of the mizen rigging and spliced
the backstay Harry got a watch on deck for letting a mallet
fall from the night top This is a piece of petty pilfering on
the forward hands It is some 4 months since there was an
order issued that if anything was dropped from aloft that the
man that dropped it should have his watch below stopped
for one week and since then several things have been dropped
by the officers and boatsteerers but nothing was said till
a forward hand let something fall when the sentence was
put on immediately It rained most of the afternoon and
evening with variable winds holding a course East

~~Thursday~~ Wednesday Mar 24th
Pleasant weather with calms and light airs variable
winds Made seizing stuff. Towards evening it come on to
blow a light but steady breeze from the Westward Steering
E & E 3 P.M. we were 70 miles W of Cow Island

Thursday March 25 Lat 3. ~~W~~ S
It came on calm at 10 A.M. and lasted till ½ past 1 P.M.
when we took a very light breeze from the westward falling
dead calm at sunset Clued up topgallantsails—down the
topsails and jibs & up courses & spanker and let her lay
Finished work on the mizen rigging—filled & new ropes to the
Jacobs Ladder—and made a pair of gangway steps. Sunset

Friday Mar 26th Lat 3. 27
A light breeze sprang up towards morning and at 6 A.M.
Made sail was set steering close hauled N E & E till ½ past 6
when we tacked to S East up foretopsail braces to the main
topgallant rigging Sighted Sylvet early in the forenoon
and at 1 P.M. had Cow island ahead. During the afternoon
had light winds and in the Evening showers with variable

Saturday Mar 27th
Cloudy weather with light and variable winds steering to
the Eastward in the afternoon had a course E by E
Sighted Denneys island Nearly all of the Seychelle
Islands are in sight from aloft—silhouette to the S
Take about S and W Praslin with a number of smaller
islands a little to the S.E. seems as if we had got home
Forgot to say have been around these islands so much that
appears like home Sailed the main yard aback at sunset

Ship At Work Sunday March 28th Sighted
the weather was squally till 10 A.M. when the clouds broke
away and having braced forward at sunrise stood in the Bay
for Dorrie island About - Hove to
and lowered the Starboard and pulled ashore The former
for the island had undergone quite an alteration for the
Ellei There are now about 45 people here old and young
they have about 2 acres of corn growing which looks in
fine condition We took off 2 turtles & sent the boat ashore
again The boat came off at 3 P.M with 4 hogs. We braced forward
and stood to the eastward It came on calm at 8 P.M

Monday March 29th

Cloudy weather and light winds steering to the eastward
At 12 Oclock raised a sail on the lee bow and at 1 P.M saw
it but the wind falling when within 5 miles of her we lowered
the starboard boat and pulled aboard Found her to be Bark
Hope Captain Robbins of New Bedford 19 months out 650 sperm
She is lately from Paya de Matha Banks where most of the whale
left are Recruited with 300 Total bbls. Gales nothing since Jan 5th
when she hailed 850 sperm but her oil leaked and she was obliged
to break out and cooper. She sails now only 800 The Barque Bruce
of Fairhaven is out here again. & was out clean Returned aboard
at 9 P.M. Took in topgallantsails at sunset Braced 1000 mo

Tuesday March 30th

Light and variable winds Steering northward The Hope is 4 miles
to leward Made sail and stood in at sunset Set all sail at 6 A.M.
At 8 came on calm after noon and lasted till near night At
5 Oclock Capn Robbins came aboard and stayed till 9 past 8
Lost sight of land

Wednesday March 31st

Overhauled and put new gaskings on the starboard fore rigging
The weather continues fine with light winds Standing N.E.
The Hope ran off at 2 P.M and Capt Robbins came aboard and
bought the hides of meat that we got of Capt Moore
Hoisted at sunset and stood to the westward

Thursday April 1st

Variable and unsteady winds with squalls Raised a sail
at 1/2 past 8 A.M to ahead. We stood to the southward a while to
speak her but it came on calm at noon and we drifted apart
so that it was impracticable At 3 PM took a heavy squall from
the westward and was obliged to take in topgallant sails and
flying jib Double reefed fore and mizen topsails at sunset
Sent in the inner bobstay to repair

Friday April 2nd

The wind continues strong and variable with squalls Steered
to the N.W'd Turned the reefs out of fore & mizen topsails and
set main topgallantsail & fly jib at sunrise but were
obliged to take them in in a squall at 8 P.M A short time
after this Theodore and the Cook came in contact and Cook was
thrown upon his beams end before he had time to shorten
sail Fortunately for him however the mate interfered and
he was allowed to right again without loss of spars or rigging
and he quickly made sail and came to anchor in the Galley
Repaired the bobstay by stripping and reseizing it

Ship St Peter Saturday April 3d Seychelles Lat 8.56 S
have all sorts of weather to day so it is hard to tell which
predominates Sometimes it blows a half a gale and in a sec-
one again it is almost a dead calm and we are uncomfortably pitchi
rolling in a short nasty sea Set main topgallantsail and
jig jib at 7 A M and stood about N till 6 P M when we tacked to
Set & Eve the wind hauled and we tacked to N W at 9

Sunday Apl 4th Lat 8.36 S
Moderate breeses from the westward steering N till 1p past 9 A M when
tacked to S W and set fore topgallantsail. The mizen was set
6 this morning Stood S W till 8 in the evening when the wind
hauled and we tacked to W N W James Farrell Expension

Monday Apl 5th Lat 8.47.0
Stood W N W & N W during the day with a steady and moderate
breese from S W. & W S W Sent out and set up the inner bobstay
and come up with and sent in the cutter and tacked to W S W at 9

Tuesday Apl 6th Lat 4.11 S Lon 57.08
Tripped and reserved the bobstay finishing at 2 P M just in
time to get ready and lower for Sperm whales They were
allayed hindered by blackfish and we only succeeded in
killing one Mr Ryder got fast to another but the iron drawe
took it alongside at sunset and made all sail on the ship
standing so West with a light breese from W N W

Wednesday Apl 7th Lat 4.51 0
Cut in the whale in the morning and started the works
at 10 A M Finished mincing about 9 in the Evening Stood
the westward with light breeses. Took a light squall at 3 P M
and took in main topgallant sail and flying jib Afterwards it
came on almost calm

Thursday Apl 8th Lat 6.16
Finished boiling and cleaned up decks at daylight — The wind
light and baffling At 2 P M it hauled to S S W and
we steered a course N W under all sail

Friday Apl 9th Lat Lat 4.42 S
Stood W N W till noon when the course was altered to W
The wind is light and variable from the southward and the
weather is very hot and sultry Turned in and set up the
cutter bobstay this morning. Besides me the ship is making a pair of
boat gripes

Saturday Apl 10th Lat 4.31 S 56.10 E
Made the eastern point of Mahe Banks at 8 A M steering
with a light breese from S. W lay and fished for a while
and then wore around to S.E. steering This course 4 P M when
we luffed to the wind but the wind hauled and we were not
able to go better than N Eighteen Eastings and Praslin bearing
At sunset wore around to S.E and hauled up the
courses We were turned out 6 1/4 of an hour before daylight
this morning because the mate was a little grieffy

Sunday Apl 11th
Steered W by N close hauled with light winds till 8 A M when
we held the course of S W till 4 P M when we luffed to the
wind steering about S S E All the principal islands are
in sight bearing westerly In the evening it looked like
squalls but cleared away at 10 Calm

Monday Apl 12th Lat 4.6 S
Cloudy with rain Fair with variable light to strong winds
Stood S E by E till 4 P M when the wind

Ship A. P. Hall Tuesday April 13th Lat 53.56.
It has been calm nearly all day and the old hay makes.
Losing his feet to make us Stard W.S.W with what li
breeze we had. Made gripes for the starboard boat

Wednesday Apl 14th

Sighted Frasin this morning at 7 oclock bearing W
distant nearly 30 miles. Rigged a new set of wheel rop
and mended waist boats Sail Stood W.S.W with mod
winds and weather Turned in and set up larboard fo
topmast — backstays Stiffed to the wind at 6 P.M. Stb.d.t.
topmast

Thursday Apl 15th Lat 6.39

At 7 this morning kept off to S.W steering that cours
till noon and then W for Cow island Turned in and set
up Starboard fore Rigging Stiffed to the wind at sunse
on the Starboard tack and at 10 oclock bore to

Friday Apl 16th Lat 8.14 L

Stood S.S.E. close hauled till noon when we bore aroun
to S.W took a squall at 2 P.M and was obliged to brace
up sharp Stripped fore topsail brace blocks and sent up
new fore topsail Reeftackle blocks Repaired lift and footro
Stiffed to and hauled aback at 8 in the Evening

Saturday Apl 17th

Turned the watch to this morning at 7 oclock and we
down the hold finishing just at daylight Braced for'a
at 6 A.M and stood close hauled W till 1 past 7
when she was kept off to W Dennis is Head 12 miles dis
bearing S.S.E at daylight — Weather variable with unsteady
winds Sighted Cow island at 4 P.M bearing S.W hauled on to the
westward till midnight when she was hove to on the Starboard ta

Sunday Apl 18th

Braced forward and stood to Westward till 8 A.M. then tack
to S by W Mr. Baxter raised breezes during the forenoon
and at noon latitud to be S.E again Any quantity of floes
are around to day. The weather is pleasant and wind light
Bore to at 8 oclock in the evening on the Starboard tack

Monday Apl 19th Lat 8.20 L

Stood E. & S. till 2 P.M when the wind hauled and tacke
to S After this the wind and weather was variable and squa
with considerable thunder and lightning Repaired for
brace blocks and footropes

Tuesday Apl 20th

Stood in to the southward during the night and this
morning we were close in to Brislin Stood in S by W &
made the harbar at 10 P.M and came to an anchor in 9 fa
fathoms water Rafted and filled 18 casks of water but the
tide not serving in time we did not take them off. Had boat
and got up the tackles for hoisting in water 4 times per week

Wednesday Apl 21st

Took off the water early this morning and then washed the
ship outside and painted the white streak. We went to the
woodings, this ~~afternoon~~ morning but the owner of it was
gone to bake and we did not succeed in getting any.

Thursday Apl 22

The Starboard watch went ashore on Liberty. There was
nothing done aboard the ship save going to see about the
wood again but with as little success as before The Capt
gave us a dollar apiece to day in order that we might be

Ship H.M. Pet Friday April 25th "Port in Harbor"
Starboard watch ashore on liberty About 8 o'clock in the morning
Starboard watch ashore on liberty About 8 o'clock in the morning
got up the starboard boat and filled her up to the waterways with
bread and started off on a trading voyage around the island
About noon and when on the S.E. Point of the island we took a heavy
squall and getting among the rollers came near capsizing but we scud
under the foresail and soon made a snug harbor where we found one
single house situated among the rocks We got 2 hogs & 2 hens here
put in to guild a number of places but only got 3 more hogs & 3 hens
Circumnavigated the island and got on board just at sunset
went ashore at 8 Evening to Madam Davies B.A. ball given by the mate

Saturday April 27th

Came short at 8 this morning and got ready for sea Discharged
H.M. Dodge and put him ashore at 10. and at 11 got under way
with a light breeze from N and stood out to sea Through the
Western passage Took the anchors on the bows and stowed the
cables immediately after getting under way Weather cloudy
but without rain Took in T.G.Rt sail at 11 in the evening when we took a smart shower

Sunday April 26th

Light winds and fine weather steering close hauled N.N.W & West
Lost sight of Eleuthera at 10 A.M. Eastern Set Main and Mizen top
gallantsails at 6 A.M. In the afternoon it came on showery
Took in top gallantsails and flying Jib

Monday April 26th

Stood to the N.W between Dennis and Cow island with
light breeze. Weather variable with light showers Filled
new sumner to the fore topsail Sailed

Tuesday April 27th

In the morning we had a strong breeze from S.W steering N.W
At 1/2 past 9 am spoke the Barque Charleston Packet Lewis
of New Bedford 13 months out from the Western Islands Our boats crew were
picked up from the Western Islands Our boats crew were
sent back in their own boat but at 6 P.M the sea made a sme
board and stayed 2 or 3 hours The wind and weather during
the afternoon was variable Rigged a new strap around the
head of the mizen topmast for Main topsail brace blocks Steere
Southward and Eastward After we spoke the C.G. Riley an Glen

Wednesday April 28th

Pleasant weather with light winds and calms standing
on the wind to the eastward At 10 A.M. Sent in the flying
jib in the morning and mended it sending it out again at 1
P.M. At 1/2 past 10 in the evening hove her to and took in
Main topgallantsail and flying jib Got down with the Fore
and Main topgallantsail and flying jib

Thursday April 29th

Braced forward at 6 this morning steering close hauled
N.E by E Sasked at 7 and stood N close hauled and held
the same course during the day Sighted Breslin at
8 A.M. bearing S.W. Sent down the main topsail brace
and reef tackle blocks-overhauled the brace blocks and
reef tackle blocks and sent them aloft again with new reef tackle
straps and sent them aloft again with new reef tackle
blocks We have had a moderate breeze all day with a
short head sea Took in main topgallant sail and fly jib at 6

Friday April 30th

Moderate breezes steering close hauled E.N.E. under all sail
Took in the

Ship Sh Sett Saturday May 1st Hoy Seyches
Treble at 2 P.M. morning and stood off the wind S W by S
At 6 A.M. set fore and mizen topgallantsails and flying jib
The weather is hazy but pleasant with unsteady breezes
The season for fish is just coming in and all around the ships
the water is fairly black with Skipjack and Albacore

Sunday May 2nd Lat 4.28 S
Fine weather and a moderate breeze from S.S.W. Steered clear
hauled W.S.W. & W. and then kept off to N.W. under all
sail Sighted Praslin at 1 P.M. bearing W. At sunset took
in fore and mizen topgallantsails and flyg jib and at 10
in the evening luffed to the wind heading E.N.E. and braced
the main yard aback and hauled up the courses

Monday May 3d Lat 3.50 S
At 8 this morning wore around and come to again on the
starboard tack heading S.W by S Braced forward at
sunrise and stood along till 1/2 past 6 and then kept
off W. Hauling all taut. Sent in and repaired the
fib stay Passed Dennis island at 6 P.M. and stood to
the westward till 12 in the evening and wore around and
came to the wind on the starboard tack heading E.S.E. and
hauled aback the main yard & courses & in light sail

Tuesday May 4th Lat 3.33 S
Turned the watch to quite early and wet the hold fine
at daylight. Braced forward at 1/2 past 6 and stood W. Barque
in sight at daylight on the lee beam we ran off at 11 A.M.
and spoke the Bark Osprey Capt Gathercoal of Bedford
11 days out 150 Sperm No Oil casks and she is cruising
Called Coco island at 1 P.M. & the starboard Gall E.S.E.
we ran off and spoke the Barque Bruce Capt Dyer of
Hobart Town 18 mos out clean Barque Cruised Capt
Gilford 2 years ran off and all the skippers went aboard
the Bruce - the mate came aboard the Ad and the 2nd
aboard the Cadice & the jam is general among the
officers and men The Cadice has 600 spm and Ed 9 mo
out The jam continued till midnight Laid the main
yard aback at 10 Eve with her head to the S W

Wednesday May 5th Lat 3.44 S
Stood S W with a strong breeze that makes the old
ship squeak. under all sail We are now bound to
the Comoledo islands. by the way of the Admirants
Came up with and put in some stanchions to the starbd
fore shifter which was nearly parted In the afternoon sent
down the mizen topgallant backstay and repairing it
sent it aloft again Last sight of the Barques this morning

Thursday May 6th
Looked at 2 this morning and stood S E with a modera
breeze from S S W Various jobs are on hand to day such
as making a parral rope to the main topsail yard straps
for bullseyes for mizen topsail sheets turning sheaves &c
At 2 P.M. saw on the W side of Bank Bards and Cocoa
The Starboard boat and caught a few fish The Cook
returned and we wore around and stood W by S
Silhouette is in sight Leading S.E. distant 12 Leagues

Fri 5th Set Foretopsail Friday May 4th Lat Banks 43.52
In the morning the wind was fresh from S.S.W. but before
noon it died away to a calm rising to a moderate breeze
at 1/2 past 12 PM Raised a school of Killers this morning
and thinking they were sperm whales the boats were got
ready We felt rather shy however when we found they were
nothing but killers We were on the banks at noon—wore and
stood W by N Silhouettes bears S.S.E 20 miles distant

Saturday May 5th Lat 43.21
It has been a dead calm nearly all day At sunset dark
masses of clouds were piled up in the horizon in three
and at 1/2 past 9 in the evening it came on to blow and
rain quite hard Took in fore and mizen Topgallantsails

Sunday May 6th
The weather cleared up at daylight and we set fore
and mizen Topgallantsails and stood South with a
moderate breeze Employed looking over some papers that we
took out of the Bag that Brazel found among the deerskins
The "Flag of Our Union" for Nov 6.—60 Mentions Jonathan
Carey Aet 86 This can be no other than my grandfather
W. Carey The only news I heard from any of my friends
this voyage Evening nearly calm but cloudy

Monday May 7th Lat 41.10
Light and variable winds steering southerly. Course
Log 4 Sighted the Azinpasto Islands at 10 A.M.
Made a case for setting boats of cotton canvas. At 6
PM the wind hauled and we hauled to S.S.E sail set
S.B. Bread

Tuesday May 8th Lat 41.18
Wood S.E and S.E by E during the day with a fresh breeze
from S.S.W. under all sail Headed most for Flores
Lads gripes and overhauled a little chafeing gear on the fore
topmast—Lee Rigging Tacked to N.W at 10 in the morning

Wednesday May 9th Lat 41.34
Fine weather with moderate breezes steering N.W. by W
and wind Made a shroud mat for lee boats gripes
Also towards noon the wind freshened and during
the remainder of the day we had as much wind as we
could carry all sail to

Thursday May 10th Lat 41.49
Of Alphonso to Fresh breezes and fine weather going about N.W by W under
all but fore topgallantsail which was taken in at 6 this
morning At 1/2 past 10 PM the sailed breeches on
the yeather bow Took in mizen topgallantsail and hove
to at 11 PM. Saw no more of the breeches Employed mending

Friday May 11th Lat 41.08
Fine weather and variable winds steering as the
hauled westerly with main topgallantsail set
It came on squally in the evening and at 10 reefed
tacked to S.E by S Pilot sighted and set up fore
topgallant shrouds and backstays and lee fore topmast
shrouds and backstays

Ship St Paul Saturday May 15th 06
it continued squally during the night and this
morning it came on to blow pretty hard double reefed
the topsails at 4 this morning and at 8 took in the
mainsail (being hastily split) foresail, fore topsail, fib
and spanker this and set balancing nothing on such hard
double reefed main topsail also that had double se
Wind and the wind increasing fearfully was taken
in as soon as reefed so that at 1 P.M. the crew were
here below and the wind howling fearfully the sa
had been handled about 4 past 12 A.M. the
wind began gradually to decrease and has fallen so
much that we put close reefed mizen topsail and foresail
on her at 6 o'clock Rested the latter and set
new ones taken from the mainsail. S.E. & S.-S.W.-W.-W.-N.

Sunday May 16th Lat 8-42-8

We have a breaking wave from S.W. & steering S.S.W. like
when the cable was allowed. Sby W making full
sail under double reefed topsails and foresail
& fore mizen staysail stopped for a week because
I lost a pattern piece of cutting stuff from which I
This is cramping a man because he is where he can't
get away. Lowered the boats down and got the lines on the

Monday May 17th 6.06 Lee

The wind hauled a little to the southward and
we held a course due S till 10 A.M. when she was
kept off to S.W. by S under whole topsails foresail
fib & spanker Sent down the main topgallantsail
and mended it, sending it up again at 2 P.M. bending
buntlines to it - Sent down the old mainsail and bent
a new one at 4 P.M. Bent new fore & main ~~buntlines~~ clew
garnets and mizen topsail clewlines Took in the main
sail at ¼ past 7 Eve and at 10 double reefed topsails

Tuesday May 18th 11.17

Hauled aback at 2 this morning but braced forward
at sunrise and stood S.W. by W under double reefs
courses fib & spanker Sent down and mended
the main topsail Rove new main topsail clewlines
fore & clewlines - buntlines - ~~reef~~ tackles fore buntlines and
leech lines - fib halliards and downhaul all new rigg
At 5 P.M. came to the wind on the starboard tack handing
& taking in all but ~~close~~ double reefed main topsail and
foresail Wind fresh and strong from E. pitching some.

Wednesday May 19th Noon obs 11.4

Fresh winds with occasional squalls steering N.E by
under double reefs foresail & fib. Sent down and
mended the fore topsail bending it at ¼ past 7 P.M.
and set it double reefed In the evening took in the fib

Thursday May 20th

Sighted the Cranwell islands at daylight and at
6 steered off to N.N.W. We stood in to the westward during
the forenoon passing several low sandy islands connected
by reefs About 12 M. came to off a large island covered partly
by small trees Lowered the Lboard and Dwhale boats and
sounded ashore. Found bottom all round but could not get
5 P.M. catching 3 cargo green turtle

Lat 10.32 S

Ship Sets Friday May 20th E. of Cosmoledo
Stood S with a strong breeze under double reefed
topsails course jib & spanker Cut and filled new
main and fore sheets reeving the main and stowed the
same - also rove new main topgallant sheets with whips -
rehauled and stowed the old rigging in the steerage
Tore at 5 P.M and stood to the Eastard Land to weather

Saturday May 22nd

Blowing a half a gale of wind from S.E. standing E & E.
under double reefed topsails and foresail Tacked at 6
P.M to S W and took in all but double reefed main top
sail and fore sail and hove her to

Sunday May 23d Lat 9.15 S

The breeze still holds strong from S.E. Steering S W
under double reefs - courses &c Weather pleasant but cool

Monday May 24th

Nin steady winds from E S.E. steering S W Rove main
top and fore topgallant lye ropes Passed Aldabra at
at 1 P.M. and at 6 made Assumption Lowered the
Larboard boat and pulled ashore for turtle Taking with us
grub to stay all night We got ashore and hauled the boat
up on the beach just as the sun was setting During the
evening we turned up 6 Turtles and found 2 more turned up.
by 2 men stopping here About midnight we turned in. some in
the hut - and the rest in the boat and under the boatsail

Tuesday May 25th

We turned out about daylight and found it nearly calm
and no ship in sight Took the boat and brought most of
the turtle to the landing and hauled them up on the beach
During the morning we shot some pigeons and other birds and
cooking a kettle made a pigeon stew for dinner At night we
got the rest of the turtles together and hauled them up.
should not forget to say that we duy 150 eggs out of the nest
just in time to save some for dinner We killed a turtle at
sunset and made a feast but saw nothing of the ship
In the evening the starbd turned up one turtle

Wednesday May 26th

Just at daylight this five days the ship past the N point of the
island We got our breakfast cooked as quick as possible and put
the turtle in the boat intending to start for the ship but
she stood to the East out of sight so we took the boat
3 miles further up on the beach and anchored her just
off the hut and went ashore After dinner I went the other
side of the island and saw the ship about 18 miles off steer-
ing to the westward I hurried back and after some little
delay got under way and put for the ship with 7 turtles
aboard We got alongside at sunset running past the ship
and breaking the boats mast &c &c After that held a course
W & S under all sail. Wind freshened at 11 PM took in fly jib mizen T.G.S

Thursday May 27th Lat 8.06 S

We have a rousing breeze to day from S S W steering S E
In the morning Ushered upon to the weather rail and put
the turtle there to keep them from sculling around decks
Tore up the old mainsail
Took in main topgallantsail At 9 A.M. and sighted island
At 11 A.M made the S.E. point of the island & rounded under

Ship J. L. Polk Friday May 2nd 1856
So ddy the wind is unsteady and variable from the South steering So Easterly on a wind. Weather cloudy. Set main to topgallant backstays and shifted and let top backstays. Variable so as to let top mast & topgallant backstays Turned the reefs out of the topsails and set main topgallantsail and fly Jib. In the evening it came on squally At 8 took in fly, Jib and main topgallantsail and at 12 double reefed fore and main topsails

Saturday May 3rd 11.28 N

At 4 this morning shifted the main topsail at daylight At 12 PM kept off from E.S.E. to W by S and turned the reefs out of the topsails—set main topgallant sail and fly jib At 4 PM the wind fell and hauled to W by N obliged to keep off to W.S.W. In the evening it came on squally took in light sail furled the mainsail and tacked to E.N.E Saw 2 low islands bearing W by S 7 ms

Sunday May 30th 11.15

Cloudy weather and variable and unsteady breezes Tacked at 2 this morning and stood S.S.E but at daylight the wind hauled us off to W.S.W and at 6 tacked to E.S.E. employed this morning in pumping out about 6 ins of oil A large cask has probably burst in the lower hold In the afternoon and evening held the course of S & by E going free

Monday May 31st Lat 11.05

Light and unsteady breezes from the Eastward steering W.S.W till noon when the Island was all round to W by N take sights and observed the fore bears between East taking out some stocks for better trim & breadths The boat is moored and set fit to sail Raised a sail at 11 A.M. astern and is now at 2 PM plain in sight—all the deck. She sails like a duck In the evening it came on squally with baffling winds Tacked to S by E Set main sail the Island was about 5 miles off on the weather beam A Barque

Tuesday June 1st 11.20

Stood off by N & W with a light breeze under all sail Made Sapungas and found We are now bound to the island of Jodnna. Saw nothing of the sail we saw yesterday

Wednesday June 2nd

It blows a half a gale to day from the Southward steering close hauled W.S.W. Saw Jodnna about 11 A.M. 2 points on the weather bow; but for the hazy atmosphere we should have seen it at daylight Took in topgallantsails and flying jib at 10 P.M.

Thursday June 3d

We tacked to E soon after midnight and at 4 o'clock set all said although it was blowing very fresh. At daylight tacked to W and took in fore topgallantsail and parted the foot of the fly jib but it was soon fished and set again Between 7 & 8 it was almost calm but it came on fresh again so that at 10 A.M. we was obliged to take the other topgallantsails & flying jib We were within 15 miles of the E point of the land at daylight and at sunset it is out of sight on the quarter Cornbo 18 miles distant bearing W by N the sun sits behind it Tacked at 9 past 8 Due to the E & S at 11 A.M. Island is Cornbo

Ship St Helen. Friday June 7th Continue
We stood off and on off Middle island (so called from its
semblance to that useful article) till daylight when we stood
for the harbor with a strong breeze We were obliged to take
fore and mizen lofty allantsails off the point and when we
were in way up Howe to and took in main Topgallantsail &
double reefed the topsails At ½ past 9 got a berth and let go
the anchor in 23 fathoms of water After furling the sails we
filled 17 casks of water ashore and filled them with fresh water
While we was gone for water those aboard hoisted out a few
casks of oil from the lower hold We found the Barques Cornelia
Capt Dowell 18 mos out short 300 sps Clarice Capt Gifford
2 sps and Richmond Capt Hastings 9 mos out clean
at home 80 bbls Ups from Fayal The Br Brig Reliance Capt
Hodgdon came in with us There was also a French topsail schoon
ing here In the evening we went aboard the Clarice where
everal of the vessels crews had come to have a gam We had
violin and the evening was passed very pleasantly dancing
nd singing songs When I came aboard at 9 in the evening
was told that the Capt had a letter for me As may be
supposed I made a strait wake for the cabin and got it
but what was my sorrow on reading it for it brought news of
the death of a much loved father. With what painful
interest I perused its contents I read it over and over again
to convince myself of the dread reality that a dear parent
had been laid low in the grave. But it is too true That face
that would have hailed my return with joy is now colding
death I would have wept but my feelings were so intense that
could not About midnight I turned into my hammock
to sleep but it was long ere this boon was granted me and when
did I was still in my dreams reading the letter over & over again
This letter has been better than 2 years coming. Years we
with expectation for I had nearly thought my friends had
forgotten me At last it has come out to bring sad tidings

Saturday June 5th

Contrary to expectation the Starboard watch was sent
ashore It rained most of the forenoon so that it was very
unpleasant The streets or rather paths were flooded with
water almost knee deep and it was like wading through a brook
to go through Then I came aboard at an early hour finding
nothing ashore to amuse me. I succeeded in buying a pair of
pants which I stand very much in need of In the evening
several boats crews were aboard of us from the vessels here And
the evening was passed in singing songs cracking jokes &c
For my own part my thoughts were deeply engaged in scenes
far away Home filled my thoughts so that the song and jokes
had no pleasures for me I passed the evening alone on the bowsprit but

Sunday June 6th

The Starboard watch went ashore on liberty I took their
hours place while he was gone ashore Several boats crews
came aboard and and from the Richmond brought me a
number of books which were very acceptable

Monday June 7th

Commenced breaking out oil from the main hatches. Broke
out the 2nd and Top tiers and coopered the 2nd tier and stowed
it. We found about 15 bbls of the whale oil leaked out
the Richmond sailed on a cruise Tuesday June 8th
Coopered and stowed the top tier on the starboard
and broke out the 2 tiers on the Starboard side

Ship Elisha Dunbar Wednesday June 9th Lat
Continued carpening the oil finishing some 16 bbls mo
that had leaked out. At noon the Barque Elisha Dun
came in and dropped anchor just ahead of us and ran
in shore She is 12 months out with 450 spm Capn Ellis
of the Geo[rge] Foster is master He dropped a boat aba
to get letters and papers and invite Capn Ellis to dinn

Thursday June 10th

Finished carpening and stowing the oil this morning at
and during the day took off the rest of water. 17 pipes
Was pulling around to different ships and ashore all day
and at night took off a boat load of taro and a bullock
A.M. & A.M. the Barque Catherwood. Capn Allen came in
and dropped anchor alongside the E Dunbar She c
now. 17 months out with 450 spm Has taken a cow and a
calf since we saw them off Cow island. In the evening a
boats crew came aboard of us from the Elisha Dunbar

Friday June 11th

Finished pelling off and stowing the hunts after which Mr
John Theodore Fre. & Jim. Lomgent ashore and had
a fine wash and got the darkies to wash all our clothes
Another boats crew went ashore with some boards and brou
off a boat load of taro The captains of all the ships in
the harbor took tea aboard of us this evening yet Winslow
The English brig sailed early this morning bound to Kan
A couple of men came away from the Dunbar last evening
and went aboard of the Lot Capn Ellis went aboard an
took them again and put the darkies on them

Saturday June 12th

Just after midnight the Sandr. wood dragged
her anchors and passing close to us drifted out to
sea. They managed however to get her anchors on the bo
and get sail on her so that at 9 this morning she was
back to her old anchorage again having split both jib
in the scrape Onboard of us the Starboard watch went
ashore on liberty and the other watch sent down the fore
topgallantmast and repaired the trestle trees. As for
myself I cruised around till I bought a fathom of white drill
and a sheath knife and came aboard in the Marcella
boat at ½ past 3 P.M. At 4 sent up and rigged the fore
topgallantmast In the evening I went aboard the Catherwo
with Mr. Lee and the Sandwich of the clarice The wind

Sunday June 13th

It began to rain about 3 Oclock this morning and rained
powerfully till 7 this morning and drizzled most of the forenoo
The water came down the mountains in torrents and the
water in the harbor was as muddy as it possibly could be
most of the day Early in the morning it was calm and we
loosed the mainsail, mizen topsail and topgallantsail to
to dry Towards noon the wind began to pipe a whole breeze
down the ravines but towards night it lulled again furled the
sails at 4 P.M. The Larboard watch are ashore on liberty &c &c
Onboard the ships we stuffed ourselves with fruit all day
The French schooner sailed early this morning bound to Kanai

Monday June 14th

It rained as usual 3 odd hours this morning but at 10 the
weather cleared up and was pleas ant the rest of the day
Took off 3 boats loads of Taro pumpkins & peas a nuts &c
The Barque Marcella sailed at noon bound on a cruise
on the Japan [illegible] 80 lbs Beef and our Hodge [illegible]

Ship St Peter Tuesday June 15th To Fernon Velosa River
At daylight we heard the welcome cry of "all hands turn
and heave up anchor ahoy" and although the rain was
pouring down in torrents I think that men never worked
with a better good will or that 95 fathoms of cable was ever
hove in quicker We set the Jib and let her drift out
till we got the anchors on the bow and then set the topsails
and courses The fore topsail was split in setting it but
we herein boned it together again and set it after we got
clear of Caddle island Stowed the cables at 7 leaving the
twins around the windlass for we expect to be in Fernon Velosa
in a few days After we got clear of land we hauled on the
wind heading W.W. the Point of Mohilla ahead At 2 P.M.
made Mohilla and tacked to the eastward. At sunset tacked
again During the afternoon got the main and mizen
topgallantsails and flying jib on to her and in the evening
the fore topgallantsail. The skipper gave us our protection.

Wednesday June 16th 12.41

Strong breezes from the southward steering close hauled
W.S.W. with a heavy head sea so the ship is pitching her bows
under at every sea We carried on to her till about 3 P.M. &
then took in topgallantsails and flying jib The wind
continued to rise during the night

Thursday June 17th 13.50

Tacked to S.E. at 2 this morning and at daylight double
reefed the Topsails and furled the spanker We blew a half
gale of wind during the day and it was as much as we
could do to carry double Reefed topsails Made reef
earings for the new fore topsail-pointed the ends of the
earings for the new fore topsail-pointed the ends of the

Friday June 18th 13.09

The wind moderated a little this morning but it still
continues rugged Shook the reefs out of the topsails
at ½ past 7 A.M. Weather cloudy but without rain Stood
W.S.W. The ship makes considerable water this heavy weather
and we are obliged to pump from 6 to 800 strokes every 12 hours

Saturday June 19th 13.36

Saw the coast this morning at daylight and run in till 9 and
then tacked to S.E. by S. Tacking to W.S.W. at noon Weather fine
with strong breezes from S. The coast along here presents
a very different appearance from any other place we have been
along the shore it is low land but back a few miles inland
it rises in high irregular peaks, some of them making a very
curious appearance Some of them shoot their heads far above
the surrounding mountains Looking like tall spires There is
one in particular that lies directly ahead of us that takes that
form The country is well wooded and from the numerous fires about
the shore I should think it well inhabited. Tacked to E.S.E. at 6 P.M.

Sunday June 20th 14.11

Fresh winds and fine weather Standing off and on with
short tacks. At ½ past 5 P.M. entered the bay at the mouth of
the Fernan Velosa river It was so late however that we could not
come to an anchor so we tacked and double reefed the fore
and mizen topsails At 8 we furled the head yards aback and got
the larboard anchor off the bow-hawser up the cable &c

Monday June 21st Fernon Velosa

We beat up the bay till 11 A.M. when we came to an anchor
in 13 3/4 fathoms of water In the afternoon sent new sails sending down
and stowing the old ones The bay is large extending some 4 miles above us and
there is still on the [illegible]

Ship St Peter Sunday June 22nd Terra Bella Bay
There was a gang of men ashore this morning to cut wood and fill the casks to get water but we have I think this beat all The Eton heads of wood lying so crooked that it could not be cut but I did not believe it till we found all of Africa is like this it is certain a poor country Took ashore 5 casks to get water but it was noon till they got half of the day that they could find any fit to use and then it was be bay a mile in the bush The cask makers ashore and got some Eb Of this afternoon Moses Eck off a boat load of wood at sunset

Wednesday June 23d

Continued cutting and hoisting off wood In the afternoon few of us with the Capn and Mate went to the head of the bay and got a boat load of ebony Took off 6 boat loads of wood and nearly finished filling the water casks ashore

Thursday June 24th

Turned out at 4 this morning and took in the raft & sailed Hoisted it in and stowed it at 6 After breakfast Mr Ryder took 2 boats crew and went up to the head of the bay for more wood The Captain took Tobe Shaw and Agent and we went out on the reef to get some coral The rest of us stowed the Starboard anchor and got everything ready for getting under w The boats came alongside at 3 P.M and as soon as the men got t cleared we mustered the winlass and the anchor was soon dangle at our bows We stood out of the bay under topsails courses Jibs an main topgallantsail with a light breeze till we got out of the bay which we did just as the stars began to shine The sea breeze then took us and we luffed to the wind heading S E by S We are all in h spirits for we see at last N.C merchant Bound

Friday June 25th Lat 15.06 S

Fresh breezes and fine weather. Tacked to west at daylight but wind headed us To W by N and at noon Tacked to S S E Stowed off two Our new sails all set well & we can sweat them up as flat as boards

Saturday June 26 15.54

Moderate breezes and clear Let all sail at daylight standing W by S on the wind Tacked to S E by S at noon. Nothing occurred

Sunday June 27th 16.41 S

The wind freshened a little this morning so that we took in the fore topgallantsail at 7 The weather continues fine steering S W by W At noon the wind lulled a little and the fore top gallantsail was set again The wind knocked us off to W S W There is a very strong current here setting to the southward and that is the reason why we make latitude so fast

Monday June 28th 17.49 S

The wind plagued us the same trick to day as yesterday Took in the fore topgallantsail at daylight and set it again at 9 A.M Steered S W by W on a wind from S E by E Got up some yarns rigging and began reeving the the main rigging for a full de This 4 stranded stuff makes quite a sensation for there are several ways to splice it and there quite an ogling on the knowing ones as to which way is best or right

Tuesday June 29th 19.04

Finished the main rigging and began the main topmast rigging and a few on the fore rigging Put gromets on the yards to hold on by when reefing and furling In the morn the weather was fine but in the afternoon it came on clou and looked like rain The wind blew fresh and I must confess it felt quite wintry We have a current setting S W between 3 and 4 miles per hour with a variation of nearly 2 point Steered [illegible] Took in [illegible] topgallantsail at daylight and set it a

Lat 19.38

Ship St Peter Wednesday June 30th Cont'd
Light breezes and fine weather steering S.E. under all
il Ralled down main topmast rigging and set up
erboard mizen topmast backstay In the evening the
ind knocked us off and at 12 oclock tacked to S & E by S

Thursday July 1st 12.46

The wind continues light and pleasant fine. Tacked to
estward at 2 this morning Finished rattling the main
opmast rigging The Capn and mates are hard at work at
eir fancy wood getting out rolling pins chisel handles &c
In the evening it came on squally with variable winds Tacked
y to S.S.E. After that she fetched to S & S by W but fell off by E. after midnt
been eclipsed this eve 1st part Friday July 2nd Lat 26.17 S
Unsteady and rather variable winds from the Southward stood So
utherly under all sail Sarred down bowsprit Jibboom and flying
boom guys mizen & mizen topmast rigging Rove starboard fore
ace-fall and fore topmast stay sail sheets Bent fore stay sail pennants
reefed at 10 in the evening &c. Broke out 4 bbls beef 4 do pork

Saturday July 3d Lat 22.41

Fresh winds and pleasant weather steering W around breeze fr
Southward all sail set. Borrowed Horsburg's East India directory fr
Captain W.H.C. Allen In the afternoon it came on squally with
flying winds Tacked several times At sunset to SE by E to SW by W
Sunday July 4th Lat 21.30. 36.20.8

In the morning the wind was strong but variable from the south
the west was in sight from aloft at 8 A.M. At 10 we tacked and stood
in for the land We are a few miles S of cape St Sebastian which
in 22° 8' Lon 36.8 and a little to the S of Barreute Islands which
e in 21.12 S.D Lon = The land rises to a moderate height and accor
ing to Horsburg is barren and sandy There is a strong current here
setting S W about 1 mile per hour At sunset we was close in to
land and could see the trees on the beach quite plain
The hills are nothing but piles of white drift sand without vegetation
any kind These are the Barqueta Islands from the chart"

Monday July 5th Lat 22.02. 36.30 E

It is almost a dead calm and what little wind there is is fro
bout S S W & S W steering S S.E. & S E Cape St Sebastian bears W
26 miles distant at noon The sails are lazily flapping against the
asts while we poor fellows are lying around decks doing nothing but
ish for a breeze. Cape St Sebastian in Lat 22.00 & Lon 36.06 E

Tuesday July 6th 23.10 Cape Ga

Early in the morning there was a dead calm but at 7 A.M. a light
and breeze sprung up from W. stood S by W In the afternoon the
wind hauled to the southward. Lafted down rigging &c Spliced fore
topgallant lifts

Wednesday July 7th Lat 24.43

Light but steady breezes from the southward gradually increasing
with a heavy swell directly ahead During the forenoon got out
studding sail gear and rove it Set the fore topmast studding sail
& Lower at 9 and main topgallant studding sail at 12 Carboard side
Tripped starboard main rigging Lost sight of land at 8 A.M. to the
northward At sunset altered the course to S W and shifted the
studding sails over to starboard side Wind freshened to a good breeze
Shortened the watches this eve ~~S W~~ Yesterday

Thursday July 8th 24.44 S.W.

To day we have strong breezes from S Steering S W by W Wind S & E
The old craft skips along like a bird to day with her stun sails out
At 3 P.M. parted the mizen topgallant backstay and took in the
At sunset the wind [illegible] and the sky was overcast with black clouds
took in studding sails and braced up sharp heading S S W to the
[illegible]

Ship St Peter Friday July 9th 29.57

The wind continues very strong and of such violence accompanied with very heavy squalls from the Westward We carried on to the ship as long as we dared to and till we almost drove her under but obliged to double reef again at 8 P.M. to set fore and main reefed the main sail close and mizen topsails and jib reefing nothing on but double reefed main topsail, foresail, fore spencer and fore topmast staysail At noon blows a gale of wind in earnest. The wind howls through the rigging singing a grand requiem. Our masts bend like whipstalks and our good ship plunges into every sea as if bound to stave her head in rigged in the mizen boom

Saturday July 10th

At this morning a tremendious sea broke over us taking the waist boat from the crane and smashing the galley considerable hurting the cook We had We then furled the foresail as quick as possible and took in the rest of the waist boat which was only about 4 feet of her stern clumsy clear hoisting Hoisted A short time after took in the fore spencer but set it again at daylight. We rigged the galley at 8 and got a fire going but our breakfast and dinner will be none the better for that I think The office of cook after dinner he being unable to do duty This morning saw a brig scudding to the eastward with nothing on but reefed fore topsail and foresail The wind continued to blow with unremitting violence during the day Wounded Southward and westward

Sunday July 11th 29.57

The strength of the gale is broken This morning and at 6 set double reefed topsails. Let shook out the reefs as the wind fell and at 2 P.M. set the main topgallantsail At sunset it was almost calm with a light squall. A small brig is just to leward under short sail

Monday July 12th 29.64

The wind was light this morning and all sail was set but towards noon it began to blow fresh and between 2 & 3 P.M. took in topgallants and flying jib Stowed the cooler and deck pot below got out wales fixed the broken davits Tyed up the office of cook this evening stood N.

Tuesday July 13th 29.40

Stood N.E with as much wind from W as we can carry main topgallantsail to In the evening it fell almost calm and the fore and mizen topgallantsails were set We are now nearly 200 miles from the land and are trying to get to the Westward where we shall find strong current setting to the S.E but we can head no better than N.N.E. or E by N as it is by. I said we are making a tedious passage of it. The weather is growing cold and shoes and stockings are found to be very comfortable. Even a homemade vest which I brought from home is very acceptable. Oh that I was alongside of the one that made it This delay is almost beyond endurance Headwinds is the cry morning noon and night. Blow fair breezes blow and waft me to the shores of my native land again

Wednesday July 14th 29.96

Light winds from W with pleasant weather Steering N.N.W. At sunset it fell calm. The sky was as clear as it possibly could be nothing but a few fleecy clouds floated in the horizon to the southward The sun set in all its splendor and as it went down I watched its last lingering rays and almost wished that I could follow him for a few short hours for it will soon rise in its beauty on hills and dales of my native land. And even more, it will shine upon the home of my youth The old rocks, the trees, under which I used to sit and pass away the hours of my childhood and youth will be warmed by its bright rays. and I am far away from them The sails are flapping & hitting against the masts as if to mock me with their [illegible]

Ship H.M. (T)olen Thursday July 15th off coast of Natal
a.m. again blessed with a fair wind At 1 this morning a
fat breeze sprang up from N.W. & set fore topmast and main
topgallant studdingsails. At daylight blew fresh from N.W.
reefed studdingsail. Steered W.b.S. Weather clear and fine
this afternoon the wind fell to a moderate breeze and
veered to N.N.E.

Friday July 16th 36.43 S.

About 2 this morning the wind hauled to the westward
Hauled down the Stunsails and braced up the yards steering
southerly At daylight tacked to W.N.W and set main and
fore topgallantsails and flying Jib (These having been taken
after we came to the wind) The wind is fresh with cloudy weather
& had just 24 hours fair wind for our comfort At 1p past
1 sighted the coast of Africa and stood in till 3 P.M.
when we was about 3 miles off shore) Tacked and stood off S.E.
by E. At sunset it was almost calm but it came on to blow
fresh in the evening and was obliged to take in topgallantsails
and fly jib This is the coast of Caffraria where the English
have had so much fighting lately. The Land is high and well
wooded Saw a large number of fires ashore in the evening

Saturday July 17th 33.08

Whew! It pipes this morning as if it would take the sticks out
out of her, Took in sail during the night so that at 4 were under
double reefed topsails, mainsail furled. At 6 A.M. wind increasing
furled the mizen topsail and jib and close reefed the fore
topsail. At noon it came on equally blowing very hard & thick
At sunset the wind fell but the sky is overcast with dark heavy
clouds and the weather is quite cold Turned in reef out of the fore
topsail and set the jib Wore ship at 5 P.M. Hand & wood. Hove to

Sunday July 18th 33.24. 28.06 & 70

It continued equally during the night but this morning the
wind became steady but strong from S.S.W steering W.N.W
Took the reefs out of the topsails and set the fly jib at
4 A.M. At 9 the wind lulled a little and topgallantsails were
set The old ship leaks more as she could do to carry them
long Sighted land at 2 P.M. put helm up to the westward till 4 P.M.
when tacked to E. & N.E. At this time the wind fell
and became very baffling Tacked again at 7 past 11 P.M. S.W. while
saw a small Brig standing from land a little before sunset
bad obs.

Monday July 19th 34.18

Light and baffling winds steering S.E. & W.S.W. At 8 A.M. set
fore topmast and main topgallant studdingsail We are running
along the coast to day about 12 miles off shore The land is gen-
erally and well wooded At 3 P.M. we were off Chaves or Bird Isles
in Lat 33.48 S Lon 26.22 E. on which the Grosvenor E. Indiaman
was lost and the crew all perished but 3 in endeavouring to
get to the cape A few miles to the westward is Doddington
Rock on which the Doddington E. Indiaman was wrecked
At 3 P.M. took a squall and hauled down the stunsails but
the wind coming fair they were set again in the evening at 8 P.M.

Tuesday July 20th 35.13.

It was busy all the morning watch setting and hauling down
the stunsails bracing the yards &c till 7 when the breeze became stea-
dy gave her the points of W.N.W and set the lower studding
sail At noon altered the course to N.W.b.W. to go

[illegible] Sail [illegible] moderating [illegible] July 21st [illegible] Capes Lge.
took gales with frequent and heavy squalls & rain double reefed
reefed the topsails at past 8 furled the fore & mizen topsails
jib at past 9 furled the foresail & double reefed the main t.
sail So here we are again under close reefed main topsail fo
sheeted and fore topmast staysail Dark heavy squalls roll
up from the westward and when the rain comes it seems a
if it would go through the ship like shot In the afternoon
turned the boats up and lashed them, put spare gaskets on
the sails &c The continued to blow hard during the day
Thursd. Reefed Lat. 24.8 Thursday July 22nd Lat 35.51
This morning the wind fell and we set double reefed fo
sails and course at 6 Oclock steering close hauled N.N.W
The wind continued to fall during the day and in the even
it was light and baffling from the westward Tacked at 4 past
5 h. P.M and turned the reefs out of the topsails at 5 the P.M Eve
There is still a heavy sea running caused by the current

Friday July 23 Lat 35.35 N

Light airs and cloudy weather heading N.W.ly & W.ly
very little progress Broke out water from between decks for use
and stowed the tubs &c. We are now off Cape Lagull as but when
To the E or W I do not know but probably to the westward of it
I so we are in the Atlantic Ocean again At 3 P.M the Lond
1855 We have Cape Lagull in the So. Atlantic Ocean At 4 a light
breeze sprang up from E.S.E & Let sail and Lower fore topmast
and main topgallant studding sails. The breeze increased so that
when I went below at 11 Eve. it blew quite fresh, steered N.W

Saturday July 24th 35.05

Fine. Light airs from N.E & with pleasant weather steering N.W by N
At 10 A.M the wind hauled and we was obliged to take in the
studding sails and brace up It came on to blow at noon so
that we took in topgallantsails and double reefed topsails
furling the mizen topsail. The wind continued to increase
so that at 9 in the evening we have hove to under close reefed
main topsail fore sail and fore topmast staysail

Sunday July 25th 36.00 Mod. obs

It continued to blow hard with violent squalls during the
day In the evening it moderated and we thought the weather
would clear up but at 9 it began to blow with redoubled fur
with heavy squalls of hail and rain During the latter part of
the first and the whole of the middle watch the sea swept us
fore and aft so that our decks were covered with water most
of the time This is what I call a grand reception into the So.
Atlantic Heaved W.N.W Wby.N. NW NW by W

Monday ~~Tuesday~~ July 26th 36.00

At 8 this morning a vessel perceived scudding before the wind
with 2 lights set 15 minutes from the time we first saw her
she was out of sight to leward The wind fell at 9 so that we
set the fore topsail close reefed and wore around to N by W
At 9 A.M got single reefed fore ~~and~~ main and reefed mizen
topsails foresail mainsail and jib on her The wind is falling
fast but there is still a heavy sea on and the old ship tumbles
about so that I can scarcely write a word At 1/4 past 2 set
main topgallantsail and flying jib. Evening squally

Tuesday July 27th 36.00 at 16.36

Moderate gales and squally weather steering any where from
W.N.W to S.W At 8 A.M single reefed the topsails There seem
to be an utter disregard to sailing the vessel on the part of
the Captain and Mate The "Old Man" will saw away on his
old fiddle and the mate will tinker and the ship goes where
she likes. I have sometimes almost cursed the day that I
learned the cabin to fiddle. However we have had at most only
set the fly jib at 1/4 past 1 P.M. The wind fell [illegible]
steering

Ship St Peter Wednesday July 28th off Cape of Good Hope 33.54

Light and befflcing winds from the North and westward We
worked several times this morning from N.E to West & bells to Wyat
all sail set— The weather looked rather hard this morning but it clears
away during the forenoon and in the afternoon the breze freshens
so that at sunset we had as much wind as we could carry
topgallantsails. Tacked to NE by E. at ½ past 5 P.M.
tacked at 8 tacked to W by N. 11 took in fore & mizen
topgallantsails. Weather squally

Thursday July 29th 33.17

We have almost a fair wind of it to day and they are driving
the old ship straight through it. It blew a half a gale this
morning but we kept whole topsails on her and she fairly
flies through the seas instead of going over them At 11 A.M
the wind lulled a little and we set to topgallantsail was
set and at 12 M the fore and mizen saw a vessel ahead at
about 8 m. steering to the North and under short sail We steer
by W with the Starboard tacks aboard The wind died away
towards night and in the evening it fell calm Passed the sail
at 5 P.M 1 mile to windward She is a Ship No colors were set so we
could not tell who she was

Friday July 30th. Lat. 32.59

In the morning had light and befflcing winds from the
Westward steering northerly on the wind Turned the boats
down and put the craft in them again The weather is cloudy
and looks as much like a snow storm as I ever saw it
Afternoon calm and clear

Saturday July 31st 31.49

The wind hauled into the southwest this morning and
at 8 O'clock set lower-topmast and topgallant Studding
sails forward and main topgallant Studding sail Light
The wind hauled gradually during the day to the So & E
and at 16 in the evening shifted over the Kites steered N.W
with light winds and fine weather

Sunday August 1st 30.57

The watch were busy all the morning shifting over the
Studding sails and sending up another Topmast
Studdingsail The wind hauled to S.S.W at 8. A. M and
at 10 it hauled to W.N.W so we were obliged to haul
down our studding sails and brace up the yards
The wind continued to haul so that at sunset it
could head no better than N.W & W on the larboard

Monday Aug 2nd 29.47

Light winds and fine weather Tacked at 7 to W by N
and at noon to N E by N Weather pleasant Took the boat
on the house and put it on the waist boats cranes and
began fitting her up. Broke out 9 bbls meat & 8 of water
Caught a porpoise this morning which is the first we
have seen since we left the Cape Lat 29.30 Long 2.30 E
more than a year Ago past 3 P.M lowered the quarter boat
and caught a blackfish Tacked to W N W Wat & ev and at 11
to N.N.E

Tuesday Aug 3d 28.33 L

Moderate breezes from N W with cloudy weather steering
N to N E on the wind Minced blackfish blubber &c
In the evening it fell almost calm and the wind hauled to
the N. We thought land was in sight at 4 P M but it proved to
be [illegible]

Ship St Helen Wednesday Aug 4th Lat 27. 1/4
Moderate breezes from the southward with a lovely
weather steering S by E When the morning watch
turned out they set studding sails on the larboard
side During the forenoon the wind hauled more
ft and at 8 P.M. set fore Topmast studding sail
on the starboard side and shifted over the main
topgallant studding sail there in the latitude of the D. E.
In the evening the wind hauled to the Westward
and took in topmast studdingsails and shifted over topgallant
sail Just before we turned below at 11 we took in
all the kites and braced up but was able to hold
our course

Thursday Aug 5th 26.18
The wind hauled to the southward again this morn
ing that when we turned out at 3 O'clock we had
the pleasure of setting the studdingsails again on
the larboard side The wind was baffling during
the day but we were able to hold our course S by E

Friday Aug 6th 24.53
Strong breezes from South & fresh steering S by E
We have now got the Do. East Trades and are sounding
before them at the rate of 7 knots In the evening it
blew fresh from S.E. with strong squalls Set starboard
fore Topmast studdingsail and shifted the fore Top
gallant and To the main on the starboard side
Cleared down the mizen topsail and furled the Squa
Lon 4° E. Saturday Aug 7th Lat 23.25
Strong winds and fine weather still holding the cour
of S by E The was pulling and hauling all the
morning watch to please our jolly 2nd mate It was
Swig on these halliards and haul out the lash or slow
this sheet or something else all the while so we kept
on our pins all the watch At 6 we lowered the mainsail
which we had to furl last evening (because there was
nothing else to do) and shifted the topgallant studding
sail on the main to the larboard side forward but
were obliged to shift it back again at 8 A.M. To work in
starboard fore topmast studding sail at ½ past 6 A.M. &c &c
However 6 bells came in due season and we were relie
ved by the other watch The wind held steady from SE
during the day. At ½ P.M. set starboard fore topmast studding
Sunday Aug 8 Lat 21.45
Steady and strong breezes from S.E with cloudy weather
during S by E At ½ past 9 A.M. got up the old
main topgallantsail and made a flying lower stud
dingsail of it setting it on the starboard side. Do
we have kites both sides now. Lower and topmast ones
forward and topgallant kites on the main These 24
hours, and without slacking tack or sheet
Monday Aug 9th Lat 20.23
Moderate breezes and cloudy weather steering S by E
Broke out for water and filled the scuttle butt
towards night The wind fell and continued light
during the evening We passed the meridian to day
and at 9 P.M we were in 00.30' West St Helena bore
S by W ½ W 900 miles distant
S. W. ½ W

Ship St Peter Tuesday August 10th Lat 19.08 S
light winds and cloudy weather steering N W by N
at 8 A M the wind hauled to S but fell back to
E. at noon Turned the reef out of the mizen top sail
and set the mizen Topgallantsail In the evening the
wind was baffling and we were at work most of the time hauling
and selling Studdingsails and bracing and squaring the yards

Wednesday Aug 11th Lat 18.23. Lon 3.14 W
In the morning the wind was light and we had a few light
airs. Course N W by N till noon when it was altered to
W by N In the afternoon the wind freshened with
squalls and was quite variable continued cleaning and painting
the chains and iron work about the ship Took a lunar Obs

Lon by Obs 4.38 W Thursday Aug 12th Lat 17.10 S
Baffling and unsteady winds from S.E. & E. steering N W by N
Continued cleaning and painting the ships iron work
At noon St Helena bore N W 1/2 W 167 miles distant N. 1/2 E.
Course to Night at 10 P M to sight St Helena

Friday Aug 13th 15.54
Light and unsteady winds from the S & E We was obliged
to haul down the Studdingsails at 1/2 past 4 A M but set
them again on the starboard side at 7 Passed the island
of St Helena at 7 A M about 12 miles to westward of it
It is the most barren and ragged looking place we have
seen except Martin his Rocks I do not blame Napoleon
for wishing to get away from it even if he had no conquests
again Saw a sail to westward standing towards the island
At noon she bore away and stood about N W at 4 P M our
course was altered to N W by W At sunset the island
bore E & S E 25 miles distant Began painting ship 2nd coat

Saturday Aug 14th 15.17 S
Light and baffling winds from the East with fine weather
Steering N W by W at 6 P M The craft we saw yesterday is about 15 miles
astern gradually loosing ground although has everything out
even to royal Studdingsails and we have nothing but Courses
and topmast and fore and main topgallant Studdingsails out
In the evening the wind hauled a point and the larboard Courses
and topmast Studdingsails were set

Sunday Aug 15th Lat 14.31 Lon 2 14.31
Moderate breezes and fine weather steering N W by W The wind hauled
to E. & S.E. at 10 A M Shifted the larboard main Topgallant Studdingsail
to the starboard side forward Lost sight of our neighbour
at 10 A M astern

Monday Aug 16th Lat 13.01 Lon 9 50 W
Moderate breezes from E & E with fine weather Steering N W by W
Took up some old junk and drawed and twisted the yarns
for spunyarn There is a long heavy swell rolling Westerly

Tuesday Aug 17th 1841
The wind hauled to S S E early this morning and the weather
thick and cloudy steering N W by W Hove up the stream anchor Hung
on rattling down the fore rigging & given Stuff for lashings

Wednesday Aug 18th 18.00 I
Fresh breezes and fine weather steering N W by W Employed all
hands so in the afternoon and began putting rattlines
on the fore and mizen rigging

[illegible] and altered the course to N by W Ascension in
[illegible] Carried away the fore and main
[illegible] and sundries in the main Lat 9. P.M.

Friday Aug 20th Lat 6. L.

The breeze holds steady and strong from E. E. course
[illegible] when it was altered to N by W
[illegible] the fore and main royal yards and sent the sails
down the main topgallant & fore and Lee studdin sails
[illegible] rigging and set up the main rigging and swifted it in

Saturday Aug 21st
[illegible] breeze and clear Steering N by W Passed the
[illegible] and altered down the main & N to the main
[illegible] to reset. Is are obliged to clew them down in the
morning as it was found impossible to keep the sails
[illegible] as usual on Saturdays

Sunday Aug 22nd Lat 2.27 S

Fine breeze from E S E with fine weather Hill looking the
[illegible] The weather the atmosphere is very thick and
[illegible] although there is scarcely a cloud in the sky Beat
[illegible] Lay without taking in topgallantsails and at 8 Lay with
topgallant studdingsails out We are again in the latitude of
Flying Fish and large schools of them are to be seen
them up almost every moment.

Monday Aug 23d Lat 2.14 S

[illegible] steering N W by N Finished rattling
down the main rigging and clewed down the head stays
and guys Towards night the wind fell to a light breeze

Tuesday Aug 24th Lat 1.28 S

Light breezes from S S E with fine weather steering N W by N
At sunrise took in the mizen topsail and topgallantsail and
fore topgallantsail & royal The wind being such that these sails
would not draw Turned down the mizen rigging from the deck
to the royal Crick Finished rattling the main topmast
rigging and kept the topgallant sail fast & P M In the
evening the wind freshened again and hauled to S E All
sail was set again and the Larboard main topgallant
studdingsail shifted to the starboard side forward The
main royal was set [illegible] all day The Boatsteerers were
sent to stand mast heads forward and the forward hands
on the mizen Passed 3 sails standing S & W

Wednesday Aug 25th Lat 0.07 S

The weather holds fine and the breeze moderate from Sby E
Kept the topgallant studsail hook to the main at 3 A M
Furled the topgallant rigging and clewed down At 11
in the evening 2 fore and 2 Larboard passed close to us standing
S & W and bore away In the afternoon passed a Barque steering abt N E

Thursday Aug 26th Lat 1.18 N

Set up fore and main topmast backstays and set them Turned in and set up main topgallant backstays Passed
several vessels standing to the S W Steered on the same course
N W by N till 3 P M then N W by N A small current setting NW by N

Friday Aug 27th Lat 2.25 N

Moderate breeze from Sby E steering N by W The wind hauled
to the S E at 8 P M Set with the inner Jobstays topsail yards
and [illegible] Hove down the [illegible]

Ship St Peter Saturday August 28th Homeward Bound 3260
The wind continues to blow from the southward although it
a little variable and rather unsteady Steered N.W.½N
½2 P.M. passed a Brig steering about S.E. on the wind Hel
Lee and broke out water & bottle of rum this evening - so we had a bust.
Sunday Aug 29th Lat 4.36 N 31.49 W
Light winds from the southward steering N.W.½N Weather clear
and pleasant although it was cloudy and looked like rain last
evening There seems to be a current setting to Westerly for we
be more with these light winds than we commonly do.
Monday Aug 30th Lat 5.35 N 32.54 W
Made gaskets for the yard arm sails and bent other light jibs
Got our water and watch again in the afternoon The wind
holds light from the southward steering N.W.½N In the evening
it fell calm hauled up the mainsail and took in the lower
studdingsail
Tuesday Aug 31st Lat 6.07 N
In the morning had light airs from S.W.by W and in the
afternoon and evening calm with showers Throughout the
night the little breez we had hauled ahead and we was
obliged to take in all our studdingsails. Steered N.W.
Wednesday Sept 1st Lat 6.42 N
Morning rainy with light and baffling winds from S.E. &
afternoon fine with light airs from S.S.W. The watch was at
work all the forenoon setting studdingsails and washing the
bulwarks aft. The watch below was turned up at ½ past 11 to set
topmast and topgallant studdingsails on the larboard side
In the afternoon washed the bulwarks forward. Finished at ½
4 and washed decks
Thursday Sept 2nd Lat 7.22 N
Moderate breezes from S.W. with fine weather steering N.W.
Washed the outside of the ship in the morning and got ready
to paint her In the afternoon painted the white streak and
fid & fly. jibboom. Evening squally with fresh winds from S.S.W
Friday Sept 3d Lat 8.30
Squally with baffling winds. At 8 A.M. the wind got into
the northward & we was obliged to haul in the studding
sails and brace up sharp At 9 it came on calm and we were
so all the time till 1 P.M. pulling and hauling - making
& studdingsails &c At 1 P.M. a light breeze springing up from
W.N.W we set the larboard fore topmast studdingsail again
Cleaned out and stowed off between decks, under the main
catches At 3 P.M. set starboard fore topmast studdingsail
& the wind hauled to the westward in the evening and was obliged
take them both in and brace up the yards
Saturday Sept 4th Lat 8.59 N
Moderate breezes from S.S.W steering close hauled
S.E. Took in the royals at 6 A.M. We had hoped to get the
N.E. trades in these latitudes but this is a damper to our hopes
A few days ago we was almost home as it were but now the voyage
seems to be prolonged forward almost as great is our anxiety to
get home. However we do not expect the wind to blow long from
this quarter There was a heavy dark mass of clouds hanging around
the southward all day & in the evening it came up and the
wind blew fresh from S.S.W for a few hours but the rest of the
night the winds was light and baffling from the westward. We
was all night squaring and bracing the yards - filling and taking
aback sails &c, [illegible] Devils Gulch
Robinson Crusoe has a bad leg & knocks very badly this evening

Lat 41° 18' Lon 69° 53' Course NW Dist 206
Light airs from S.E. & E during the forenoon but
P.M. we took a squall from the eastward and we had a good
breeze the rest of the day from the S.E. & S.S.E. & smooth sea
till 4 P.M. In the evening the wind got around to S.W. Hazy
around & A.M. & P.M.

Monday Sept 6th Lat 40.13 N

Light breeze from the southward steering N.W. & N.N.W. Mended
fore and main topgallant studdingsails At 4 P.M. saw
a sail from N.E. to E.N.E. the breeze from that quarter
5 P.M. when we took another squall from S. and had a fresh
breeze for nearly an hour. Set fore topmast fore and main
topgallant studdingsails but were obliged to haul them
down in a short time for the wind hauled to the northward
and fell to a dead calm which lasted during the night. In the
middle watch we turned to and rigged in all the studdingsail
booms and unrove the gear and cribbed it down on the forecastle

Tuesday Sept 7th Lat 40.19

The weather is particularly fine this day I suppose to make up
for the last few days squally weather. But the wind is very
deficient - We had light airs from the westward all day and
till 11 past 10 P.M. it was so light that there was no steerage
way on her. At this time there came on a little more air so
as to get the vessel to stay & on the wind. In the afternoon we
lifted up to our course but did not make much headway -
Seized on the bunt jackstays fore and aft. (They were sent down
and tarred 2 or 3 weeks ago and have been drying) Through the night
had light light airs and calms

Wednesday Sept 8th Lat Rubbed out Lat 40.8

The first calm of the trip today. Commenced painting ship
on the outside of the ship and finished all but the bulwarks
on the larboard side. In the afternoon a light breeze sprung
up from S.S.E. and at 5 P.M. got the fore topmast and fore
and main topgallant studdingsails on her. We managed
to keep these set till 10 P.M. in the evening when it came on
squally with showers with light and baffling airs from S.E. &
However we were able to keep our course N.N.W. most of the time

Thursday Sept 9th Lat 40.5'8 N

It is the same old story again to day light airs and calms
The weather is fine & pleasant and the sun pours down
his heated rays as if he were paid for it. I came near burning
the skin off from my nose and feet blistering to the tune of
from 16 to 12 But to crown the whole they had to lower away
catch a blackfish this morning before breakfast & suppose
an purpose to dirty the ship up after she is nicely painted
to see how it would look. I can't see what else it could
possibly be for. We have a plenty of oil to burn and what
a little fish like this they caught would amount to is
merely nothing. If they would tend to sailing the ship
and knock off turning and blackfishing it would be much
better for all hands. We were going along all the morning
with the wind on the quarter, and the yards braced sharp up
up. At 10 A.M. they could barely spared time to square the
yards. The studding sails were set till 11 part P.M. 12 Set fore
The wind it is true was very light - but light sails are just
the thing for this weather. At 12 P.M. the wind hauled and we got
Course and fore mast studdingsails on both sides

Ship St Peter Friday Sep 10th Homeward Bound No 6 bls
the wind got in to the westward so much this morning
that we were hardly able to hold our course (N by W) and
was obliged to take in the lower studdingsail At 9 A.M. the
wind hauled a little more aft and at the same time a dark
cloud was gathering in the N.E. We thought that the squall
would be very heavy so we hauled in the studdingsails and
furled the main royal getting all ready to brace around when
it should strike us; But when it came (At 10 o'clock) the wind
hauled around and fell nearly calm From this time till
P.M we had all sorts of wind. Some times it would blow as
much as we could carry main royal & and perhaps in 5 minutes
would be a dead calm; and besides it was very variable. At
one time it would be on the quarter and would square in the
yards and set the lower studdingsail and by the time we
could get it fairly set the wind would haul in ahead. Then
we brace up the yards and haul in studdingsails At last we
gave it up & hauling and let the yards be braced up and the top-
mast studdingsail set At 4 P.M it came on a dead, light calm
which lasted through the night

Saturday Sep 11th Lat 11.35

light airs and weather as clear as a kittens eye. In the morn
it blew from N but at 10 A.M it hauled to N.E and the lower
fore topmast fore & main topgallant studdingsails were
set at 12 M. The wind hauled to N by E during the afternoon
and at 5 took in studdingsails but the wind hauled to N.E
by E past 9 and we stuck them up again. Very close hauled N by

Sunday Sep. 12 Lat 12.18 N 42.30 W

At 5 A.M the wind got into the N.E. and blew fresh. Let the
lower studdingsail & steering N by W & the wind knocked
us off to N by W from 1 till 6 P.M but did not take in the
studdingsails. Through the night the weather was equally
as pleasant backing to the
royal mast

Monday Sep 13th Lat 13.59 N

Moderate gales and fine weather steering N by W wind from E.N.E
Got up our old carronade and mounted & painted the mizen mast &
mounted and painted it and painted the main
mast At 1 P.M the course was altered to N by W again

Tuesday Sep 14th Lat 15.11 N

Light winds from E with fine weather steering W by N
Painted the foremast and part of the bulwarks. At
9 in the evening we had a few light showers and baffling winds
& was able to hold our course most of the time

Wednesday Sept 15th Lat 15.58 N

The sails are lazily flatting against the masts and we are
beginning along about 2 knots an hour. We had expected that the N.E
trades would be strong but we are sadly disappointed. But we
do not know the handling of the winds. The one that causes the
wind to blow has some great end in view and it does not behove
us to grumble. Finished painting the bulwarks and boats
& sails From 4 to 8 P.M it was calm. Through the night had
light breezes and was scarcely able to hold our course with the
studdingsails out

Thursday Sep 16th Lat 16.21

Light and variable airs from the Eastward with fine weather.
Finished painting ship and painted the boats
At 4 P.M it fell calm and lasted so till 8 when a light
breeze sprung up from the Eastward & held through
the night

Ship St Peter Friday Sep 17th Homeward Bound
Last Lat 6.44 Lon 4.5

Ship St Peter Thursday Sep tember 23d Homeward Bound
In the morning had light airs from S S E. Set all the
studding sails forward and stowed down and hauled up
all the sails aft – so stood on in this shape till ½ past 11
AM when the wind hauled to S and freshened a little,
turned the watch below up and made all sail Set the
fore topgallant studdingsail on the larboard side at
the main and hauled in our flying kite and put the good
one out in its place At 1 PM it fell calm; very calm; that
is to say not a breath of air was stirring. In the afternoon
sent down our flying kite away and stowed it
in casks in the steerage The weather is oppressively
hot and sultry I have never felt the weather hotter
even when cruising directly on the equator At 11
in the evening there was a little air from the westward
took in studdingsails and braced up steering S & W by W
Friday Sep 24th Lat 25.08 – Lon 55.30 W
Moderate breezes from the W S W all the time
we could scarcely hold our course S W by W with
topsails In the afternoon it came on to blow fresh and we
took in the main royal We had topmast and topgallant
studdingsails a little while this morning but it was so
close to the wind we could not carry them
Saturday Sep 25th No Obs
In the morning we had strong breezes from S W by W with cloudy
weather steering S W with topmast studdingsail out At ½ past
8 AM it began to rain and the wind hauled to the Northward
and became baffling & it took a squall from S W that
carried away our crojjack yard and parted the main
topsail tye This was done a little the quickest of anything
I have seen yet – We were just bracing around the yards and
struck us when they were about square and sent them whipping
round fore and aft – and crash went the yard and the
main topsail yard came down at the same instant
clocks tye and all This puff lasted only about 5 minutes
and then it fell calm leaving us to pitch and roll about
most unmercifully At 3 PM a breeze sprang up from S S W
which soon increased to a fresh gale furled the fore
topgallantsail at 4 and set it again at ½ past 5
Sunday Sep 26th Lat 27.28
The wind fell this morning and hauled around to
S W it continued to fall during the day so that at
sunset it was calm and we were almost rolling our yard
arms under water In the evening a light air sprang up
from the eastward and in the middle watch set the
topmast and topgallant studdingsails on the starboard
side A land bird came aboard this afternoon many it was caught and caged
Spring This afternoon
Monday Sep 27th Lat 29.56 Lon 58.58
Moderate breezes from the southward steering S by W
with lower topmast and topgallant studdingsails out on the
larboard side Finished the crojjack yard and crossed
it – at 3 PM and set mizen topsail & topgallantsail
The little bird they caught yesterday died this afternoon
I wish we had let it alone it would have died in the ship
but this could not be. Their greedy blood eyes were not satisfied
with letting a little bird that was weary and exhausted
from its long passage take shelter in the ship but they must
chase it and make it a prisoner for the sake of having
it live three one short day and then die

Ship St Peter Sunday Sep 28th Homeward Bound Lat 28.
Fresh breezes from S.W steering N.W by W under all sail as yesterday
A bottle was seen floating past this morning and we lowered
the starboard boat and picked it up but did not find
anything in it when we had drawn we caught 6 small
fishes in a patch of gulf weed &c. The ashore we had a few
showers and the wind fell nearly calm and continued
so through the night

Wednesday Sep 29th Lat 29.48
The breze freshened a little in the afternoon it blew
steady from S by E. It soon shook the calmness —
Brig Peter of Alexandria D.C. with a cargo of flour
and bread bound to Barbadoes. She is 9 days from Alexandria
and 3 days from Norfolk Va. Lowered the starboard boat
and boarded her for papers but did not get any.
The wind increased so much that in the middle watch we
in the stormsails and set down topgallant sails
sail soons Furled the topgallant and reefed the main topsail

Thursday Sep 30th Lat 31.20 Lon 64.1
Fresh gales from westward Hauled the fore and main
topgallantsails at daylight and at 8 took a heavy squall
and furled the mizen topsail 2 reefed fore & main furled
mainsail jib & spanker The weather cleared up at 8 A M
and we set reefed mainsail jib ~~mainsail~~ spanker and fore
topsail Steered N.N.W by W The first part of the day but
the wind hauled so much to the westward that at sunset
we could hold no better than N.N.W Furled the main
sail and jib at noon and set them again at 4 P.M. Whole main
At 8 P.M Bermuda bore N.E 55 miles distant

Friday Oct 1st Lat 32.48 Lon 66.11
The gale continues unabated Furled the jib and mainsail
at 4 and close reefed the main topsail at ½ past 8 A.M. We
have got as much as we can carry at that. The old ship pitches
her head all under at every sea and her timbers tremble at
every surge In the evening the wind lulled and we got a reef
out of the main topsail and whole mainsail on her

Saturday Oct 2nd No obs
The weather is cloudy but the strength of the gale is gone
Had sail on the ship during the day as that at sunset
we had main topgallantsail and flying jib on her Wore
ship at sunrise to W The wind gradually hauled to the
northward during the day so we headed N.N.W by W at 6 P.M.
Through the night had strong breezes

Sunday Oct 3rd Lat 34.21. Lon 68.51
Strong breezes from N.N.E. steering close hauled N.W At
½ past 10 A.M. 2 ships passed us standing to the eastward
the one to the leeward had nothing out but close reefed fore
sail and mizen topsail; double reefed main; reefed foresail
and fore topmast staysail The other had all sail set. to wit
set fore & mizen topgallantsails

Monday Oct 4th Lat 35.01
Light breezes from the northward steering W.N.W Let the
Main sail go at 6 A.M. In the afternoon it came on calm but
in the evening a breeze sprung up from S.W Set all the
studdingsails on the starboard side Through the night the
wind was fresh but baffling Saw 2 vessels

Ship St Peter Tuesday October 5th Homeward Bound Lat 66 [illegible]
At 6 this morning the wind hauled to N W by W and blew quite fresh. Took in the studdingsails and braced up steering N by E & N E & took in topgallantsails At this time the wind hauled and knocked us off to N E and at 10 A M tacked to W We struck the southern edge of the gulf stream at 2 P M In the afternoon the wind moderated a little but we have a heavy head beat-sea In the evening the wind fell and hauled to the eastward At 11 evening headed our course N W by W At noon New Bedford bore N 9° 36' E 327 miles distant Roenoke Inlet W 180 miles

Wednesday Oct 6th Lat 36. 66 W 71. 44

Early this morning a light-breeze sprang up from S W Set all the studdingsails on the larboard side At 9 A M was on the N edge of the gulf stream At noon spoke the Brig Montrose of Portland N 8 days from New York—3 days from the roads She was loaded with rail road bars: and a fellow said they had a few potatoes and inyuns) We boarded her and got papers dated as far back as I could not find out where she was bound but I think for some port in the southern states The breeze was befalling through Friday but in the evening it became steady from W S W and freshened steered N W by W till noon Then N the rest of the day

Thursday Oct 7. Lat 38. 51 N

Light and befalling winds from the Westward steering N At 2 P M took in lower and topgallant studdingsails and braced up the yards The wind hauling to W S W At sunset it hauled to W and the studdingsails were set again Through the night at 3 A M had light airs from the southward and westward Tacked down by York

Friday Oct 8th Lat

In the morning had moderate breezes from S. E. the starboard topmast studdingsail and shifted the fore topgallant studdingsail to the starboard side at the bitts. Took one of the boats and stowed it away In the afternoon the wind hauled to S W and in the evening to S W by S At midnight hauled in the studdingsails at 10 in the evening Sounded at 6 P M and got 35 fathoms, sandy bottom At past 11 P M 35 fathoms

Through the night it was pleasant and foggy and cold Saw a large number of vessels outward bound We got our old carronade to fire for a pilot but did not have occasion to use it

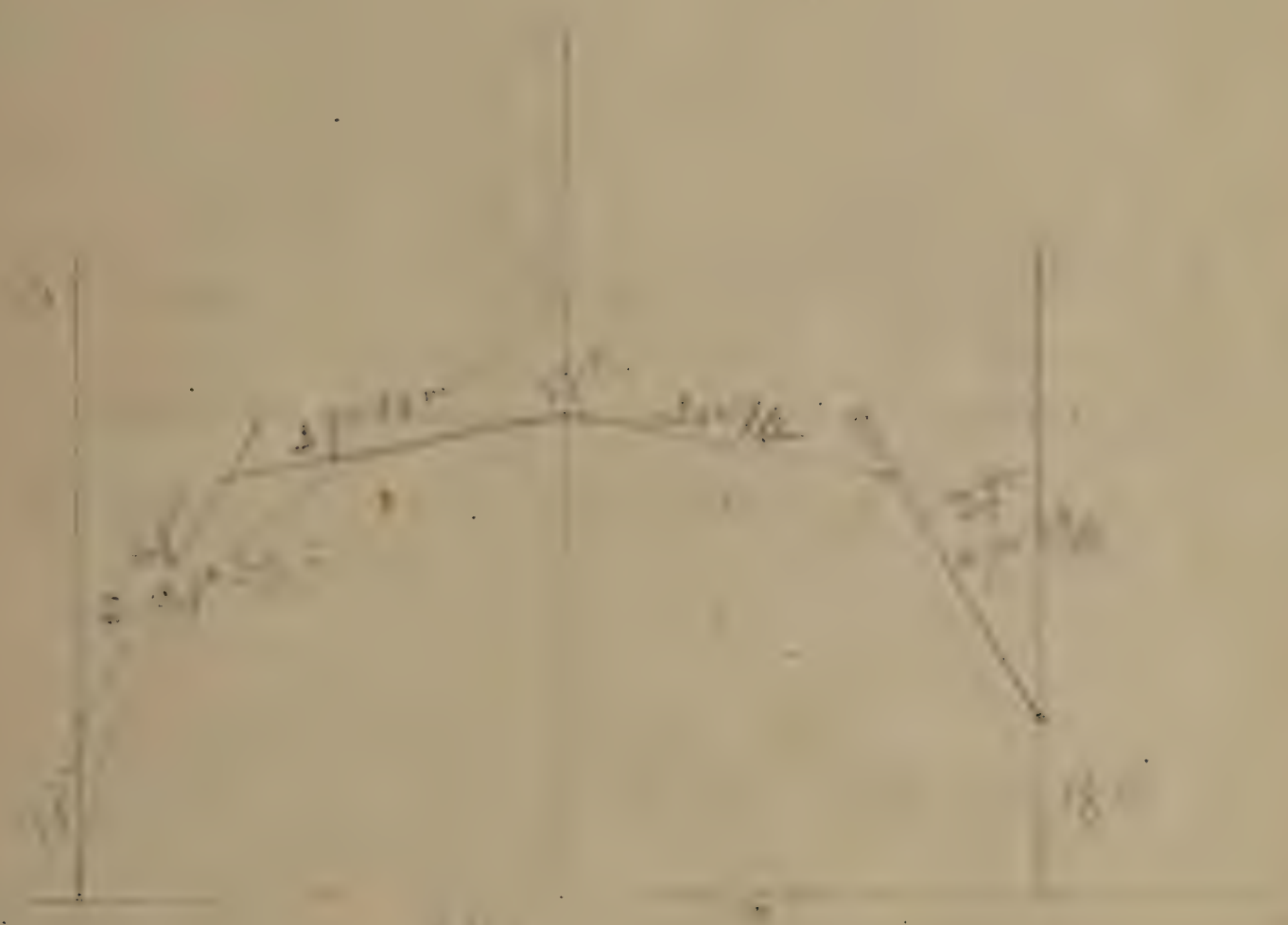
(1862)

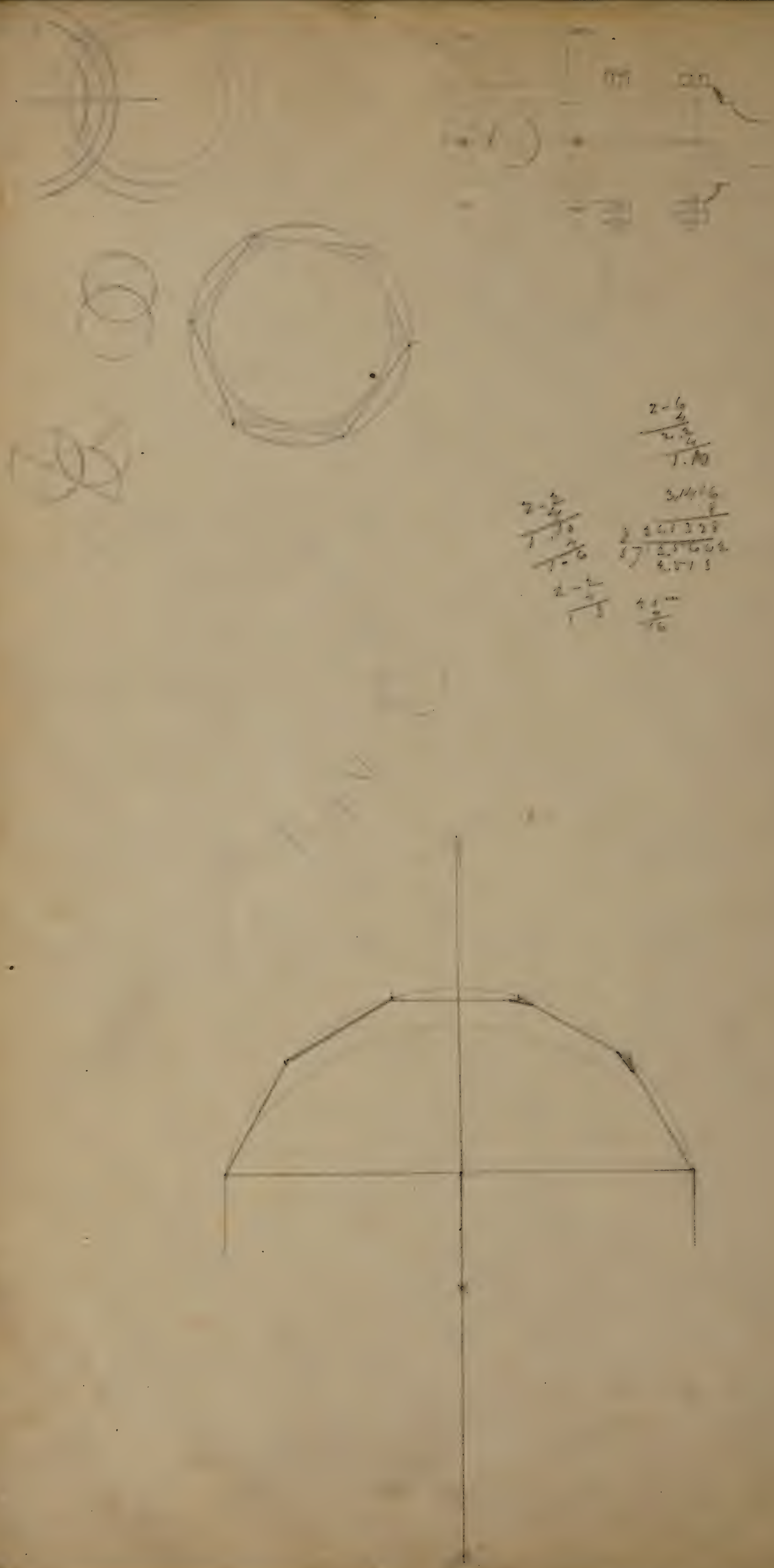
Ship St Peter Saturday Oct 9th off Long Island
Sighted land about 15 miles to the westward of Montauk
point at 7 A.M. and at 7½ was close in shore. The rest of
the day we were beating up to the point The weather is
cloudy and cold with strong breezes from S.S.E & East. When
we was tacking at 7 o'clock we carried away the main top
gallant yard We went to work immediately and made
another and at 2 P.M. had the sail set again. At ½ P.M. we
passed Montauk light and at 8 in the evening the
wind hauled to the southward and we lay up E.S.E and
weathered Block Island at 11. Through the night we
had a drizzling rain and a very thick fog

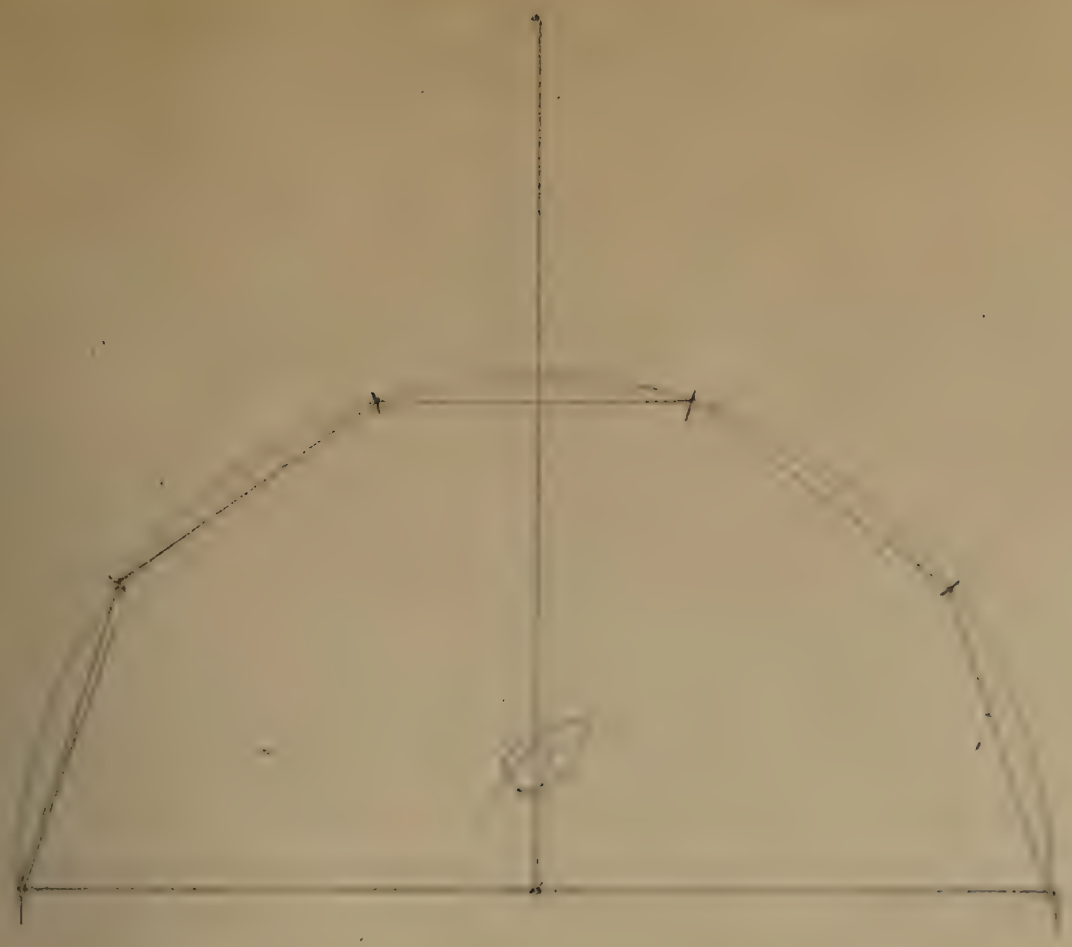
Sunday Oct 10th

This morning the weather was very thick and foggy with
light winds from S.E. At 5 this morning hove her to and beg
firing for a pilot and at daylight found ourselves
close to an island which we supposed to be Nomans Land
Island At 7 we made sail on her and stood S.S.W. We
had held that course but a few minutes before we
saw land ahead and close to. Presently however a pilot
came alongside and told us we were off Newport R.I.
This was a damper. However we put her off to the southward
with our mouths watered Our hopes were revived at 9
again at 2 when the wind got into the S.W. We put her
round to E by S and set topmast studdingsail

After holding this course for about two or three
hours we came near running ashore on the Horn of Chicken
the fog being so thick that we could hardly see a ships
length ahead. After passing the light-boat we hauled
her up a little and in a little while hove her to and
commenced firing for a pilot This time we was not
long in getting one and as soon as he stepped aboard the fog
lifted as if by magic and being at the mouth of
the bay headed her in again and [illegible] at sunset we furled
our sails and [illegible] (Thunder) stepped (Thunder) having been gone three
years lacking seven days







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and City of Caicaine The foot on the left is
about 2a 200 Chi and they are much broken
a few guts by fronic cracks around Finally
it mounted The peak goes away up through the
Clouds a long ways

The Sailors The Sailors address to his Mother

I've wandered far from thee mother
Far from my happy home
I've left the land that gave me birth
To other climes to roam
And long since then has rolled on years
And marked them on my brow
Yet still I've often thought of thee
I'm thinking of thee now

I'm thinking of the days mother
When with such earnest pride
You watched the dawnings of my youth
And prospered me to guide;
Then love had filled my trusting heart ~~with~~
With hopes of future joy
And thy bright fancy honors wove
To deck thy darling boy

I'm thinking of the day mother
I left thy fearful care
When thy fond heart was lifted
To Heaven thy trust in prayer
And memory brings those parting words
When tears fell o'er thy cheek
But thy last loving anxious look
Told more than words can speak

I'm far away from thee mother
No friend is near me now
To soothe me with a tender word
And cool my aching brow
The kindest ties affection wove
Are now all torn from me
They left me when the trouble came
They did not love like thee

My Childhoods Home Apl 18th 52 Sac Co

I think of my home, of my childhoods home, when the stars are ~~o'er~~
gleaming
And oft at night in my troubled sleep of those joyous scenes
I'm dreaming
Yes memory often wanders back to those days so swiftly
gliding
When many a joyous hour I'd spent in my dearest friends
confiding
I think of my home, my cherished home when far o'er the seas
I'm roaming
And listening to the sea-birds cry and the waves so gaily
foaming
For I think of the hours we've spent with ~~them~~ kind friends on
some green mound reclining
Beside that cot ~~we~~ would often sit when the moon was o'er
it shining
I think of that bower by our mossy cot with the woodbine o'er
it creeping
Where many a joyous hour we'd spend when the little birds
are sleeping
And the little rivulet murmured by and it sung to the
fading flowers
And the nightingale would sing her song in the green and
leafy bowers
And I think of the old churchyard where Willie and Martha
are sleeping.
And I know that angels o'er their graves are their nightly
vigils keeping.
And the cypress trees are waving there, and beautiful flow'rs
are twining.
Around that green and mossy mound, where their cherished
forms are reclining.
I think of that little waterfall with its silvery music
gushing
And how oft we watched the ripples play as o'er the stone
they were rushing
And oft we'd roam in the old oak grove when the woods
with echoes were ringing
And watch the squirrels gliding about when the birds were
merrily singing
And oft I think of a dearly loved friend and her voice is
merrily singing
Loudly and clear in my listening ear as when I heard
her singing
And her step was light as the startled deer when through
the forest bounding
And her merry laugh we often hear like the woodmans
axe resounding
But years have passed since I viewed those scenes and time
is swiftly flying
And many a friend that I dearly loved in the old churchyard
is lying
And often when in far off lands we're distant roaming
My heart wanders back to my childhoods home by that
brook so gaily foaming

Seychelles Apl 18th Sac Co Land 6,618 Desert Island bears 78
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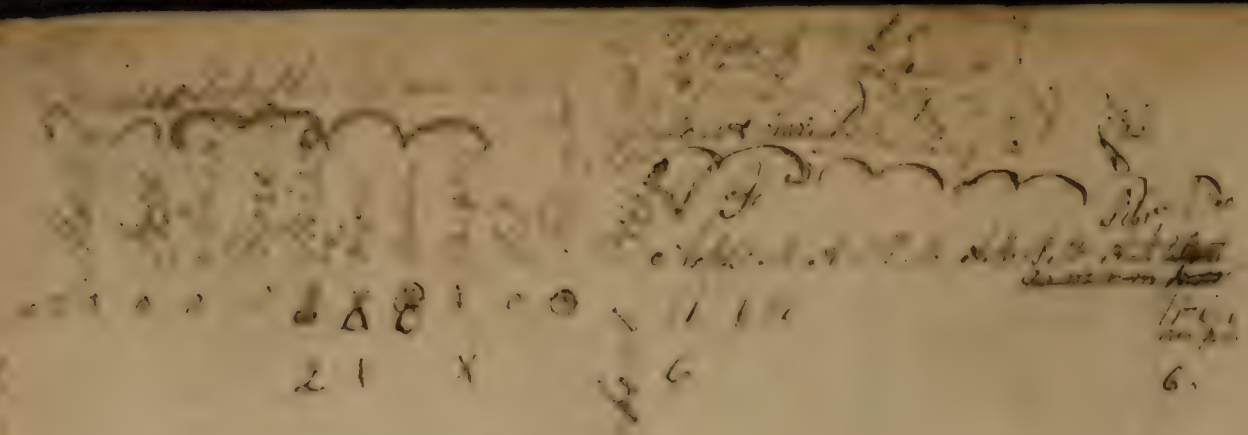

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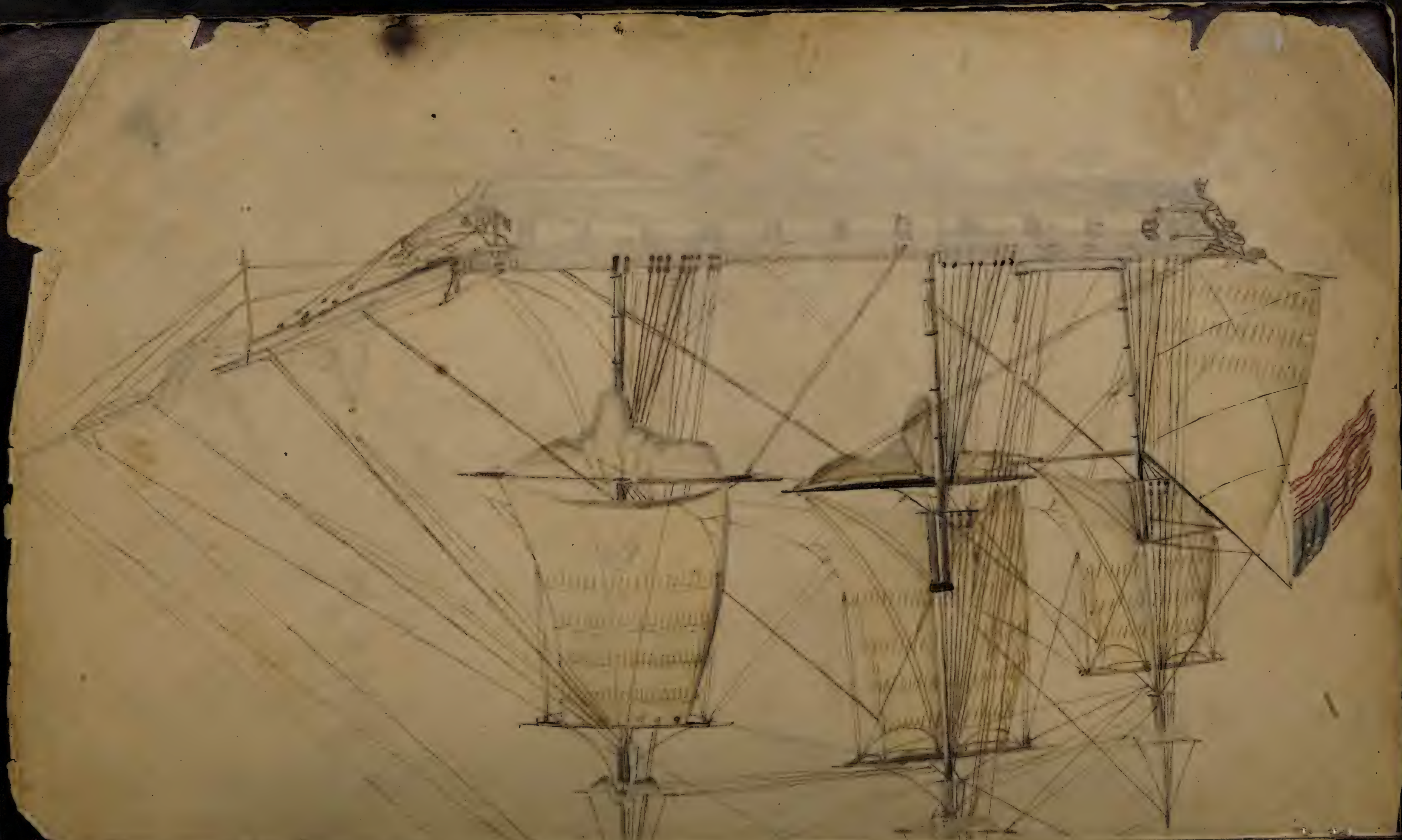

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